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CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TROOPS RECAPTURE

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STERN RESISTANCE EXPECTED

MADAME CHIANG OFFERS HERSELF TO REBELS AS HOSTAGE



His Holiness the Pope, above, will broadcast a Christmas message to-night.

PROSPEROUS CHRISTMAS IN AMERICA

MAIL BREAKS ALL RECORDS

SOVIET ENTERTAINMENTS ON LAVISH SCALE

New York, To-day. The United States of America is enjoying the most prosperous Christmas season for many years. Unprecedented volumes of mail are being handled by the Post Office, giving the struggling, reinforced postal army a colossal task. Five thousand temporary employees have augmented the 20,000 regular workers who report the longest queues ever seen at the Post Offices.

The delayed European liners arrived in New York yesterday and some are due to-day, bringing a total of 27,000 bags of mail, which the Post Office will try its best to deliver before Christmas Day.

Transport companies throughout the country — air, rail and road — report very heavy holiday travel. Thousands of people in New York are braving the city's prevailing icy snap in a final parade of the crowded sidewalks, cramming the leading stores which are doing a peak business. The entertainments arranged by society are approaching the glamor of the pre-depression era. — Reuter.

"KING GEORGE V"

Keel Of Battleship To Be Laid Jan. 1

London, To-day. The keel of the 57,000-ton battleship King George V will be laid down at Newcastle on January 1, 1937.

Recent shipping orders for the Tyne aggregate 22,000 tons, including 15 vessels for the Admiralty costing £20,000. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

OBITUARY

Henry Marriott Richardson

London, To-day. The death is reported here of Mr. Henry Marriott Richardson. — Reuter.

Mr. Richardson, who was born in 1876, was the literary editor of the *Manchester Evening Chronicle* from 1906 to 1909. He was president of the International Federation of Journalists from 1930 to 1932 and has been General Secretary of the National Union of Journalists since 1918. His dramatic works included *Gentlemen of the House*, *The Awakening Woman* and *Snow White*.

NO EXCHANGE OF HOSTAGES

BREAKDOWN IN THE NEGOTIATIONS

GOVERNMENT FORCES WITHDRAW FROM BOADILLA DEL MONTE

St. Jean de Luz, To-day. Hopes for the exchange of some 4,000 hostages before Christmas between the Spanish Government and the insurgents have been dashed by a breakdown in the negotiations to-day. A complete deadlock has now been reached, the main difficulty concerning men of military age.

There were scenes of disappointment by the crowd on the quay when a British warship arrived from Bilbao with only a few refugees but none of the expected hostages on board.

Paris: It is stated that the Government forces left 125 dead foreigners on the battlefield when they retreated from the village of Boadilla del Monte, to the west of Madrid.

The magazine, which was broadcast by the insurgents from Seville, added that the flag captured by the insurgents bore the inscription "Third International Brigade" in Russian.

London: The Non-Intervention Committee, after reviewing the reply from the Spanish belligerents on the scheme of control, approved a detailed plan for the supervision of the import of war material into Spain by land and sea.

January 1, 1937 is fixed as the time limit for the replies from the Governments concerned, and if acceptance can be obtained by them, the scheme will be forwarded to both parties in Spain for approval within the limit of ten days. — Reuter.

MR. EDEN'S ANXIETY
London: It is understood that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, expressed a serious view of the sending of volunteers by Germany to Spain in a conversation a few days ago with the

German Ambassador to London, Herr von Ribbentrop. After this the latter left for Berlin to make a report to Chancellor Hitler.

Mr. Eden and Herr von Ribbentrop, it is understood, also discussed the prospects of the Locarno Conference. — Reuter.

MADAME SCHMEDER ARRESTED

Extradition Sought On Murder Charge

London, To-day.

Madame Schmeder (not Schmeder Chapelut) appeared before the Bow Street Police Court yesterday on an extradition warrant and was remanded for a week.

The French authorities are seeking her extradition on a charge of the attempted murder of M. Lemaire. — Reuter.

SWISS ATTITUDE IN ABYSSINIA

Italian Sovereignty Recognised

Berne, To-day.

The Swiss Legation in Rome has been commissioned to inform the Italian Government that the Swiss Federal Council recognizes Italian sovereignty over Abyssinia and that the country is to be regarded in future as a Consular district under the direct jurisdiction of the Legation.

The message was delivered by the Swiss Minister, Dr. Baegger, to the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, on Wednesday evening. — Trans-Ocean Service.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming marriage between Robert Grant Pitts Weigh-ton, Missionary attached to the Presbyterian Middle School, Tainan, Formosa, and Miss Agnes Laura Kinder, now en route to the Colony on the s.s. Carthage, is announced.

RECORD POSTAL INCREASE

London, To-day. Postal receipts in November showed the largest increase over the pre-

Austria's Search For Oil

Vienna, To-day. Austria has now joined the many countries seeking to discover an independent supply of petroleum and, according to a recent report issued by the chief State geologist, Dr. Vetter, the endeavours are being crowned with some measure of success.

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This spectacular photograph, radioed from London to New York and then mailed to Hong Kong, was made by a rebel airman during an attack on the outskirts of Madrid by insurgent airmen last month. At the lower right the smoke from an exploded air-bomb, which razed half a dozen buildings, obscured the view.

HONG KONG EN FETE TO-NIGHT

ENTERTAINMENT DE LUXE AT THE HOTELS

There is something about Christmas Eve that makes us all feel that worldly affairs must be relegated to the background when the more important business of ushering in this day of days is at hand, and judging by the arrangements made, Hong Kong will

THE China Mail WISHES READERS AND ADVERTISERS

A Happy Christmas

AND PEACE AND PROSPERITY

IN The New Year

NO "CHINA MAIL" TO-MORROW

There will be no edition of the *China Mail* to-morrow, Christmas Day, our next issue being on Boxing Day, Saturday.

OH TO BE IN GERMANY!

MORE BEER DRUNK IN 1936

Berlin, To-day. More beer was drunk in Germany during 1936 than in the previous year, according to statistics published by the Schatzhaus-Patzenhofer brewery, which is the largest in Germany.

Thirsty Germans drank 880,000,000 gallons of beer in 1936, that representing 14 gallons per person, and the consumption of beer during the year increased by about 2.5 per cent, in spite of the fact a very cool and wet summer was experienced. — Trans-Ocean Service.

INTER-AMERICAN PEACE PARLEY

POLICY DECLARED NOT ONE OF ISOLATION

Buenos Aires, To-day.

In the closing address at the Inter-American Peace Conference, Mr. Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State, declared that he could not emphasize too strongly the fact that the American nations were not moving towards a policy of continental isolation.

He said that they "were not moved by the mirage for self-containment, but that they were fully aware of its perils. In a close-knit inter-dependent world, we see the folly of seeking to build a Chinese wall around our hemisphere. Our purpose is not to isolate this continent, but to chart our own path to peace and thereby set a practical example to the other parts of the world."

Canton, To-day.

An official report confirms that the Central Government troops recaptured Chisui District, which is 45 miles east of Sian, the capital of Shensi Province, from the rebels at noon yesterday, and that they are now advancing to Weinan District, which is 30 miles from Sian. It is stated that the rebels have been heavily reinforced in this area.

At the meeting of the Central Political Council yesterday morning in Nanking, General Ho Ying-ching, the War Minister, was instructed to take strong measures immediately to crush the rebels.

There is no definite news of when the Generalissimo will be released. It is learned that Madame Chiang is offering herself as a hostage to replace her husband, but her brother, Mr. T. V. Soong, and herself are refusing to discuss political and foreign affairs with the Young Marshal, desiring to leave these questions to the consideration of the Central Government.

A message from Tsingtao states that the Japanese marines in the city withdrew to their ships at 11 a.m. yesterday.

Canton: Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the Nationalist Government of China, has been appointed Acting Chairman of the Central Political Council, and Mr. Ku Cheng, President of the Judicial Yuan, has been appointed Vice Chairman of the Central Political Council. It will be recalled that Mr. Wang Ching-wei and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek are respectively concurrently Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council. — Our Own Correspondent.

LOCAL DOLLAR STEADY

Silver Prices Fall

The local dollar is steady, opening on demand this morning at 1/2 13/16.

"Spot" silver fell 3/4 to 20%, while "forward" also declined 3/4 to 20 13/16.

The London on New York cross-rate was unchanged at 2—U.S.—\$4.91 1/4, while the New York on London cross-rate was quoted at 5—U.S.—\$4.91 1/4 as compared with 5—U.S.—\$4.91 5/16.

FISHERIES CONVENTION EXTENDED

Soviet Change in Attitude

Moscow, To-day. The Soviet Government has now notified its agreement in principle to extend the Japanese-Soviet Fisheries Convention for one year under the terms of the 1923 agreement.

This decision from the attitude adopted at the time of the signing of the Japanese-German treaty a month ago. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

INDIGNATION AROUSSED IN SOVIET UNION

Komsomol Sinking Raises Storm

REPRISALS DEMANDED

Moscow, To-day. The protest demonstrations throughout the whole of the Soviet Union against the alleged sinking of the Russian ship *Komsomol* by a Spanish Nationalist warship are taking on a more pronounced form.

Mass meetings have been held in all the principal Russian harbours and cities, including Leningrad, Archangel and Vladivostok, in which naval detachments joined with the civil population.

The crews of four Soviet ships in Odessa harbour have sent a petition to the Government requesting that all merchant ships be equipped with arms for self-protection. In every one of the demonstrations the Nationalist act is characterized as an act of piracy and the demand is made that reprisals be taken.

The Soviet Government has taken advantage of the feeling of indignation to levy a tax of one-and-a-half day's wages per month for the construction of five new cruisers and 10 new motorships. — Trans-Ocean Service.

PUBLIC TRIAL FOR 34 GERMANS

Espionage Charges In Moscow

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THIEVES RAID TWO WEST END SHOPS

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MOTOR BANDITS BUSY

Two raids were made by motor-car bandits on West End shops at about the same time early last month.

The raiders got into the shop of Messrs. D. Williams and A. Moss, women's tailors, in Hanover-court, Hanover-street, after smashing the plate glass window with a motor-jack, wrapped in a man's fur-lined coat.

The jack and coat were left behind.

The thieves cleared a number of showcases in the shop of furs, coats and dresses worth £500.

A night porter at the Hanover Court Hotel heard a crash and ran out. He has told the police of seeing a man driving away in a motor-car.

The Other Raid

The other raid occurred at the shop of Mr. Albert Prager, furrier, in Pont-street, Belgrave-square.

It is understood that this raid occurred shortly before the one in Hanover-street.

The raiders tried to force the door of Mr. Prager's shop, and the glass window was smashed, but they were foiled by a protection grille.

A motor-car rug was found on the pavement.

The police have the number of the car used at Pont-street by the raiders. The car is believed to have been stolen.

"FOOTBALL" WREATH

A wreath in the shape of a football was placed on the coffin of a Fulham schoolboy, Robert Frederick Jackson, of Protheroe-road, Fulham, whose last request to his parents was, "Will you buy me a football?"

BRIDGE NOTES

Forcing Dummy To Ruff

By Ely Culbertson

It is so much a part of the game of Bridge to prevent the declarer from ruffing his losing cards in dummy, that the occasional cases in which it is proper to force the dummy to ruff declarer's losing cards is almost incomprehensible to the novice.

This is one of the most paradoxical plays in Bridge, and is used only by experts and downright dubs—the former because they know so much; the latter because they know so little. To a superficial mind it appears to be sheer suicide, violating all the rules of common sense. Actually, at the proper time it is a superlatively effective stratagem.

The purpose of the play is to shorten the trumps in dummy so that the declarer will be unable to obtain coincidentally two desired effects:

1. The drop on the third round of the opponents' last trump; and
2. The winning of a trick in dummy which will furnish an entry at exactly the right time.

South, dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
S-7
H-Q J 4
D-10 8 5
C-A 10 8 5 4 2

WEST EAST
S-K Q 10 8 4 3 S-A 6 5
H-8 6 H-7 3 2
D-Q 6 D-A J 9 2
C-Q J 3 C-K 9 7

SOUTH
S-J 9 2
H-A K 10 9 5
D-K 7 4 3
C-6

The bidding:

RADIO: To-day's Programme

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station, Z.B.W., on a wavelength of 355 metres. (345 k.c.), 31.49 metres. (9.52 megacycles).

CHRISTMAS CAROLS BY ST. ANDREW'S CHOIR

RECORDED PROGRAMMES

H.E.T.
12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.
12.30 p.m.—Orchestral Selections.
1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—A Concert.
1.30 p.m.—Easter Press, Rugby Press, Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Dance Music.
2.03 p.m.—The London Novelty Orchestra.

South	West	North	East
1 H	1 S	2 C	2 S
Pass	Pass	3 H	Pass
4 H	Pass	Pass	Pass

Against South's four-heart contract West opens the spade King. East can see that if South holds even one club, dummy's suit can be established; all South needs to do is to ruff two rounds, the Ace accounting for a third. Then the suit will offer three discards. Establishment of the club spilt depends only upon two fundamental requisites—three entries are needed to Dummy (and there they are—the club Ace and heart Q J) and the adversaries' trumps must be exhausted before the suit can be run (which also is easy, because when the Dummy is finally entered by means of the heart Queen, East's third heart will fall simultaneously). But if one of North's small hearts must be used as a ruff East will still have a trump after dummy's Queen is played and can therefore stop the club suit.

So East, who cannot dare risk that West would fail to read his spade 6 as a come-on, overtakes the King with his Ace and returns a spade immediately. This forces Dummy to use that precious small heart, and the contract is lost.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
5.30 p.m.—From the Studio.
A Children's Concert.
7 p.m.—12 midnight—European Programme.
7 p.m.—The R.E.C. Wireless Military Band.
"Boabdil"—Malaguena (Moskowsky).
La Tarantelle de Belphegor (Roch Albert).
Woodland Pictures—Rural Suite (Fletcher).
Vanity Fair—Overture (Fletcher).
Fleur-de-Fleur—March (Ord Hume).
Lynwood—March (Ord Hume).
7.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.35 p.m.—Light Concert Items.
Soprano Solo—
Der Vogel im Wald (The Bird in the Forest), (Lambert).
Elisabeth Schumann.

Pianoforte Solo—
Serenade, Op. 3, No. 5 (Rachmaninoff).
Sergei Rachmaninoff.

Bass-Baritone Solo—
The Jolly Roger (Dewar).
Son O' mine (Wallace).
Peter Dawson.

Violin Solo—Czardas (Monti).
Yvonne Curti.

Contralto Solo—
A brown bird singing (Haydn Wood).
Mary Kay.

Tenor Solo—
One day (Hans May).
Regimental Song (Friml).
Derek Oldham.

8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal Weather Report and Announcements.
8.45 p.m.—A Variety Programme.

Serenade in the night
Piano Solo—Webster Booth (Tenor).
Twenty to one—Selection
Billy Mayerl.

Song—
Swing, Mister Charlie.
Judy Garland (13 years old).
Vocal Impressions by Freddy Dosh.

A duck entering water—An old Ford car—Sir Malcolm Campbell's Blue Bird Howling Dog—a train load of cattle—Sounds in an Airport—An Express train—a baby—London Underground—A Chicken.

Organ Solo—
Six Hit Medley (No. 5).
Harry Crondson.

Orchestra—
The Great Ziegfeld—Selection
Maurice Winnick & His Orch.
Song—
You're not the kind

Hawaiian Guitar Solo—
Swanee Moon—Len Fillis.
Song—
The one rose
Sam Browne (Baritone).
Dan, Dan, the Yodelling Man
Harry Torrance.

Yodelling Song—
Clarinet Solo—
Memphis Blues—Ern Pettifer.

Orchestra—
"Heart's Desire"—Film Selection
Cine Studio Orchestra.

Humorous—
Melodrama of the mice
Flotsam and Jetsam.

Violin Solo—
Melody at dusk
Albert Sandler.

9 p.m.—London—News and Announcements.
9.20 p.m.—From the Studio.
Christmas Carols by the St. Andrew's Church Choir. Conducted by Rupert Baldwin, A.T.C.L.

9.40 p.m.—London Palladium Orchestra.
Classical Selection (arr. Ewing).
Longing (Haydn Wood).
Everybody's Songs (arr. Geehl).

10 p.m.—London—Bir Ben.
Songs of Old
Let's have a Chorus
Columbia Vocal Gem Company.
The Family Song Album

Hughie Green and his Gang.
Alexander's Ragtime Band (Berlin).
Roy Fox and his Band.
Tunes of not-so-long-ago (1922).

New Mayfair Orchestra.
Jerome Kern—Medley.
Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans.

George Gerahwin—Medley.
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10.30 p.m.—A Christmas Concert.
Choral—
Ring out, wild bells (Fletcher).
Good King Wenceslas.

The Royal Choral Society.
Soprano Solo—
Aria Maria (Ave Regina), (Verdi).
Margherita Ferras.

Choral—
(a) Lullay my liking (Terry) (Soloist: Master Dennis Barthel).
(b) There is no rose of such virtue (Thalben Hall).

(c) See amid the Winter's snow (Goss).
(d) Christmas Lullaby (Corner, arr. Ball).

Choir of the Temple Church, London.
Orchestra—
Christmas Melodies—Novel, Adeste Fideles, Silent Night, Holy Night (Gruber).
Paul Whiteman & his Orch.

CELERY WITHOUT SALT!

But Gable Remains Unmoved

"WOMEN DON'T LIKE BEARDS"

When Clark Gable refused to wear a beard in the part of Parnell in his next picture he declared, "Women don't like whiskers."

His director, John M. Stahl, searched history and argued: "A lot of guys who were greater lovers than you had beards. Look at Samson for instance, and Don Juan, Henry VIII and Raleigh."

"Clark's right," Joan Crawford said. But Eleanor Powell, the dancer, thought "it would be a new experience, anyway, to be kissed by a bearded man."

Jeannette MacDonald said, "A beard, or lack of it, is all a matter of what you're accustomed to. If all men were totally bald women might object to an occasional swain who wasn't." Blonde Mary Carlisle quoted: "A kiss without a beard is like celery without salt." All of which left Clark Gable unmoved—and beardless.

THREAT TO PROSECUTE 3,000 MINERS

Mr. George Daughtey, secretary of the Betteshanger branch of the Kent Mine-workers' Association, informed a meeting of Betteshanger Colliery strikers at Deal last month that the management intended to prosecute them all for breach of contract. There are nearly 3,000 men and boys on strike.

11 p.m.—Dance Music.
11.50 p.m.
Organ Solo—
An Organist's Tulleide
Quentin M. MacLean.
GOD SAVE THE KING.
Close Down.

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THREE STORIES OF CRIME

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FIRST CLASS EFFORT

"Middle Class Murder." By Bruce Hamilton. (Methuen 7s. 6d.)

"Where Is Barbara Prentice?" By Miles Burton. (Collins: Crime Club 7s. 6d.)

"Calamity Comes to Fenton." By Charles Ashton. (Ivor Nicholson and Watson 7s. 6d.)

"Tim Kennedy graduated into homicide from the school of arm-chair murder." How did it come about that this charming and popular man, the most flourishing dentist in West Shilton, married to a lovely, rich and affectionate woman, ends by killing her? This is the problem of Mr. Hamilton's brilliant and at times genuinely horrifying tale, writes N. B. in a home paper.

All went well with Tim and his wife Esther until the day when she was run over by a lorry, sustaining injuries which spoilt her beauty, shattered her physique, and changed her from a lively, courageous creature into a neurotic invalid. Her husband is still outwardly his charming, tender, deferential self; his solicitude for his crippled wife is admired by everyone; but inwardly he begins to hate her—with the hatred of the egotist incapable of real sympathy with the feelings of others, the horrified disgust which a sensitive child feels towards a wounded animal.

His Own Way

Tim Kennedy has always got his own way. "It was his happy talent never to have to make himself unpleasant in the enforcement of his own will." When he falls in love with Alma Shepherd, a rich widow, he realises that this time he can only get his own way at the cost of some unpleasantness—by murdering his wife.

A realist story like this stands or falls by the author's skill in making the murderer's state of mind credible; here Mr. Hamilton succeeds so triumphantly that one feels he could make a reputation as a straight novelist. As it is, "Middle Class Murder" is first-class crime fiction.

Straightforward Detection

Mr. Burton's new novel will appeal to all who like sound, straightforward detection, with character and background subordinated to the plot. "Where Is Barbara Prentice?" is another of the infinite number of possible variations on the Disappearing Body theme.

Barbara, a malicious, gossiping woman, leaves her husband's house one day; a piece of her fur coat is found on the buffers of an engine and her handbag turns up in a pile of sleepers beside the railway line. But where is Barbara? Our old friends, Inspector Arnold and Desmond Merriam, have taken on one of their toughest cases, it is so difficult to put your finger on the murderer when you can't find the victim.

The detectives do rather too much premature theorising on an inadequate supply of facts. But Mr. Burton trails a pretty herring, and his solution is excellent.

Death Of A J.P.

Mr. Ashton, whose "Murder in Make-up" many crime fans will remember, investigates the murder of a J.P. in the seaside village of Fenton. Mr. Caswell's body is found in his garage, killed by the fumes of carbon monoxide; it ought to be accident, but Major Atherley—who is down at Fenton on holiday—discovers that Caswell's car lacks sparking-plugs. Caswell is by no means a popular man, and he has been living a rather unsavory secret life; so there are plenty of suspects to choose from.

I picked out the murderer early on, but the slip by which he finally sees himself away is very neatly thought out. "Calamity Comes to Fenton" is relieved by some light-hearted humor, deft characterization, and a cricket match or two.

OR WAS IT?

Solicitor at Tottenham Police Court: It was a lucky day the day you and your husband decided to go back to each other. Now what was the date? Wife: Last Friday, the thirteenth.



Fredric March, who enacts the title role in Warner Bros. production of "Anthony Adverse," the coming New Year attraction at the King's Theatre, was declared by the author, Hervey Allen, to look exactly as he had pictured his novel's hero in his imagination.

REVUE ROLE BANNED

Character Resembles Sir John Reith

A character representing Sir John Reith, Director-General of the B.B.C., in the revue "All Wave," was last month banned by the Lord Chamberlain, the Earl of Cromer.

"All Wave" was produced by Mr. Archie de Bear at the Duke of York's Theatre. When the script and description of characters were sent to the Lord Chamberlain Mr. de Bear was asked if one part resembling Sir John Reith was intentional.

"We admitted frankly that it was intentional," an assistant of Mr. de Bear said. "We pointed out that the characterisation was in the best possible taste and in the friendliest spirit, but the Censor said 'No.'"

"Any possible resemblances to Sir John have now been removed and Mr. Carl Bernard, who is to play the part, will look like himself."

MOTHER-IN-LAW OFFERS HELP

Will Sell Ring To Raise Bail

An elderly woman offered, at Uxbridge last month, to sell her wedding ring to stand bail for her son-in-law.

The man, James Allan MacDonald, aged 29, a fitter, was charged with attempting to set fire to a house in Brandville-road, West Drayton, where he lived.

He was said to have set fire to a window and a table.

MacDonald said: "I was half-mad with imaginary jealousy, and between that and drink I was not responsible for my actions."

He was committed for trial at the Old Bailey. Bail was allowed, his mother-in-law acting as surety in £25 and himself in a similar amount.

"PERFECT" FILM VOICES

Expert Chooses Only Four People

Only four film stars have perfect voices for the talkies, according to Mr. John Livadary, who is in charge of the sound-recording at one of the biggest studios in Hollywood.

The four, says a Reuters message, are Bing Crosby, William Powell, Clive Brook and Jean Arthur.

"They have all the essential elements, and their voices fit in with what we call the vital range," Mr. Livadary explained.

Amusements

Cinema Notes From The Theatres

"MURDER BY AN ARISTOCRAT"—KING'S THEATRE

"Murder by an Aristocrat," a First National mystery drama, based on one of the most popular of Mignon G. Eberhart's baffling murder stories, has Lyle Talbot, Marguerite Churchill and Claire Dodd in the leading roles.

The plot centres about the deaths of two members of the proud and aristocratic Thatcher family.

Bayard Thatcher, a part played by William Davidson, is the first to meet death. The blacksheep of the family who is attempting to blackmail his relatives is wounded mysteriously one night by a bullet, and the next day he is found shot through the heart.

Five other members of the family are suspected, as also are the butler and the maids, although John Eldredge, portraying the District Attorney, a relative, tries to make out a case of robbery; a costly string of emeralds having disappeared. Later Gordon Elliot in the role of Dave Thatcher, is eliminated as a suspect, he being found dead in the attic of the Thatcher mansion.

Lyle Talbot as Dr. Allen Carrick is called into the case and brings a nurse to the house, a part played by Miss Churchill. The nurse runs across so many strange incidents during her night in the home, she confides to Talbot, her fiancé, that she believes a murder has been committed which the family is trying to cover up. She eventually discovers the missing jewels and uncovers the murder plot. Claire Dodd as the wife of Dave Thatcher, has another sire role. Joseph Crehan and Florence Fair are two other members of the family being blackmailed. Bayard, and Virginia Brissac plays the part of Adela Thatcher, the aged spinster head of the family.

Stuart Holmes is the butler, and Lottie Williams and Mary Trean are the two maids, all under suspicion.

"WALKING ON AIR"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE

Gene Raymond and Ann Southern co-star in this pungent comedy of a beautiful Beverly Hills heiress, with the temperament of a pack of firecrackers, and two engaging young college graduates who decide to hire themselves out as companion-adventurer and bodyguard respectively.

The girl engages Raymond to pose as an obnoxious French count after her hand, and to insult her father to such an extent that the man with whom she fancies she is in love, and of whom her father violently disapproves, will look like an excellent catch in comparison. At the same time, the father hires the other boy as a secret bodyguard to his daughter in order to prevent her eloping. Merry mix-ups follow, for neither of the two college pals knows what the other's job is; and, similarly, neither father nor daughter realises what the other one is up to.

The production also features Henry Stephenson and Jess Ralph, as well as George Andre Benanger, George Meeker and Charles Coleman.

"THE LAW IN HER HANDS"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

"The Law in Her Hands," a First National comedy drama combining hilarious laughter and dramatic thrills, has a talented cast headed by Margaret Lindsay, Glenda Farrell, Warren Hull and Lyle Talbot.

The plot is said to move with rapid fire action from the first sequence when a bomb is dropped in a restaurant by a racketeer to the denouement in which the racketeer is convicted of poisoning milk for babies and killing witnesses to cover up his tracks.

The final court trial is amazingly sensational, a woman lawyer trying her own racketeer client over to justice after he had kidnapped her and forced her to defend him by threats against her life. Other court trials are decidedly humorous.

Others in the cast include Eddie Acuff, Dick Powell, Al Sheen, Joseph Crehan, Matty Yeln, Addison Richards and Eddie Shubert. William Clemens directed.

MUMMY'S BOYS—QUEEN'S THEATRE

Using an Egyptian locale for most of the picture's setting instead of their customary American background, Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey hit a new comedy high in "Mummy's Boys," their latest picture.

As a couple of amateur excavators who give up their job of digging ditches in the Bronx in favour of digging up tombs on the Nile, the two Kings of Cachinnation have evolved one of the funniest pictures of their screen career. Their progress is linked up with a steamship collision, stealthy Orientalism and a deep-laid murder mystery.

Barbara Pepper supplies the heart interest as the daughter of one of the scientists on the expedition to the tomb of Pharaoh Pharaoh-time, and Frank M. Thomas and Moroni Olsen do excellently as the two archaeologists. Willie Best, Mitchell Lewis and Francis McDonald head the supporting cast of this hilariously entertaining film, which Fred Guol has directed in a manner that takes full advantage of its many laugh-provoking situations.

"THE 39 STEPS"—STAR THEATRE

This English thriller produced by British Gaumont is the story of an unusual type of spy drama. It is full of unexpected situations and is so cleverly devised that it is impossible to foresee the end, except, of course, that one may be sure the hero will emerge from his tribulations triumphant.

Robert Donat in the lead is exceptionally good and is thoroughly well supported by Madeleine Carroll and Lucie Mannheim in the two leading women's parts, the first named acting with very considerable finish and conviction. Godfrey Tearle, as the sinister foreign secret service agent, plays as would be expected of him, while Percy Ashcroft as the crofter's wife is as sympathetic as John Laurie, her husband, is hard and dour. The producers are to be congratulated on bringing together a number of artists who so completely fill the parts allotted to them, working so well together that the story is welded into a harmonious whole.

"POOR LITTLE RICH GIRL"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

Shirley Temple comes in a new Fox hit that is by far and away the greatest film she has ever made. "The Poor Little Rich Girl" flashes across the screen a blaze of melody, laughter and romance.

Here is Shirley in all her glory in a song-filled, laugh-laden story that is one of the crowning cinema achievements of this or any other year.

Five melodious new song hits are featured in the production. The numbers, all written by those famous Hollywood song writers, Mack Gordon and Harry Revel, are "When I'm With You," "But Definitely," "You've Gotta Eat Your Spinach, Baby," "Oh, My Goodness" and "Military Man."

In "Poor Little Rich Girl," Shirley is supported by an exceptional cast including Alice Faye, Gloria Stuart, Jack Haley and Michael Whalen.

DOCTORS HAVE TO WAIT

People Slow In Paying Bills

In a diocesan letter issued recently, the Bishop of Rochester urges people to pay their debts promptly.

Evidence has reached him, he says, of the "strain and hardship" inflicted upon doctors and tradespeople by the failure of people to do so.

"I am quite sure that in a large number of cases this is due to carelessness," declares the Bishop. "But carelessness which causes suffering should be scrupulously avoided by any Christian man or woman."

"Wilful refusal is sheer dishonesty."

TWIN FOR CHAMPION

Mal Tardieu, the British feather-weight champion, became the father of twins, a boy and a girl last month.

CONSTIPATION ENDED FOR EVER

Woman Finds A Permanent Remedy

With perfect frankness a woman correspondent writes:

"I have suffered from constipation as long as I can remember, and taken all sorts of things—which in some cases seemed to do good at first, but afterwards to have no effect. Then I thought I would try Kruschen in my tea every morning, and I have done so for over a year. I am pleased to say after the first month I had no more trouble with constipation, and I have felt very fit. (Mrs.) G. M. S. Kruschen is the surest, safest, and most sensible way to keep your inside regular in its most important daily duty. You will find that your system never becomes hardened, but always submits to Kruschen's gentle and friendly power of persuasion. There will never be any need to increase the 'dosage.'"

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"A GENIUS WITH THE PEN"

Said To Have Confessed In A Statement

"I STARTED MAKING FORGED NOTES"

When William Reynolds, 65-year-old clerk, stood in the dock at North London Police Court last month these words were spoken of him:

"He is a genius with the pen. He takes an ordinary piece of paper, such as typing paper, and on it, with Indian ink and coloured inks, he draws freehand a Bank of England note."

The words were spoken by Mr. Christmas Humphreys, who appeared on behalf of the Bank of England to prosecute Reynolds on forgery charges.

Reynolds, Mr. Humphreys said, had made a statement which was a complete confession. He had said:

"I want to make a clean breast of everything. . . . In the last few months and since my wife died I had no money and could get no work; so I started making forged notes."

"I have made all these notes on my own, and gave them to shopkeepers myself."

"Foolish Enough—"

Reynolds appeared on remand, charged with having in his possession a forged £1 note and a forged 10s. note. He was further charged with forging and uttering a £5 note and a £1 note.

Mr. Humphreys called the £5 note "an impudent and dangerous forgery."

Reynolds, he said, had lived in a room in Bryantwood-road, Islington. On July 31 he handed a forged £1 note to Miss Alice Myhill, who had a shop in Grove-road, Holloway.

On August 1 he was foolish enough to pay a forged £5 note to Mr. Arthur Livermore, of Benwell-road, Holloway, at whose shop he actually had an account for groceries.

Under A Lamp

The police kept watch for the man who was passing the notes in some quantity in the neighbourhood, and on November 17 they saw Reynolds in Gillespie-road, Highbury.

He took a 10s. or £1 note out of his pocket and examined it under a lamp before going into a shop.

He was arrested, and on him were found a forged £1 note, a forged 10s. note, three fronts and the back of £1 notes—showing that the case was one where the two sides were made separately and afterwards put together—the front of a 10s. note, and some pieces of white paper.

"The remarkable part about this series is that there is no elaborate press and no elaborate printing instrument," said Mr. Humphreys.

12 COACH PASSENGERS HURT

Twelve people were injured, two seriously, when a motor-coach carrying members of the Chiddingfold Choral Society to Woking musical festival overturned on the Goldford-by-pass.

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Cold Asparagus & Mayonnaise Sauce
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Sporting Page



"SUNDAY HERALD" INTERNATIONAL CHARITY CUP SENSATION

"Y" LADIES' WIN OVER ST. ANDREW'S WINNERS' FORWARDS IN BRILLIANT FETTER LOSERS PLAY FIVE HALVES

(By "Adrem")

IT is going to take a very good team indeed to so much as extend the "Y" Ladies, judging them on the form they are showing at present. Following their win over the Hong Kong Ladies, they completely demolished St. Andrew's last Saturday to establish themselves as the strongest combination in the Colony.

St. Andrew's defence gave a great display in the first-half. Assisted by their two inside-forwards, Miss Marie da Rosa and Miss Stella West, the halves and backs worked like Trojans to hold the speedy "Y" forward line. Mrs. Rose was a trifle disappointing in goal, and one felt that if she had left her charge a little earlier, when Sybil Dalziel made her break-through five minutes after the commencement of the game, the teams would have crossed over on level terms.

Another noticeable error in tactics was the inclination of Miss Louise Jorge, at right-back, to lie too far back. If she had moved forward a little more she would have placed both Miss Olive Dalziel and Miss Marjorie Westcott off-side on numerous occasions — a forward line is apt to become disorganised when they are continually being pulled up for infringements of this description.

While appreciating that the duty of the inside forwards is to drop back and assist the defence when the opposition are attacking, I feel that if Miss Rose and Miss West had followed the old adage of attack being the best form of defence, they might have served their side better.

Definite Weakness

As it was Miss Phyllis Gittins and Miss Florrie Wong were the only forwards who seemed to have any idea at all what their primary object was, at least to try and score goals. Miss Broadbridge, on the left-wing, was definitely weak. She was much too slow in reaching the ball and, in common with her inside partner, was always lying too far back.

If St. Andrew's wish to do better in subsequent games, and they have a team with decided possibilities, they will have to make a closer study of tactics. Rarely have I seen a team combine so well as the "Y" did. Mrs. Stephens, in goal, while not being unduly tested, always inspired confidence, but Miss Fowler was distinctly off-colour and was hard pressed to keep the speedy Miss Wong in check.

Mrs. Burke was never in trouble and greatly impressed with her first-time clearances.

Easy Time

The half-back line had a very easy time. Miss Thomson positively sat on Miss Gittins and Miss Joan Lakeman, not having to bother too much about her opposite inside-forward, proved a stumbling-block to Miss Wong.

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NEXT SUNDAY MORNING'S MEN'S HOCKEY TRIAL

We are asked to state by the H.K.H.A. that in connection with the visit of the Waseda University Hockey XI to the Colony, hockey trials will be held next Sunday and on January 3.

Next Sunday's trial will take place on the Naval ground at King's Park, commencing at 10.15 a.m. and players who represented the Colonials against the Combined Services are requested to turn up with white shorts and shirts and to bring with them coloured jerseys. Positions will be assigned on the field.

BURWICK'S HANAP VICTORY OVER SUBMARINES

A fast but ragged hockey match was played on Tuesday afternoon in the Mameluke League Tournament, when H.M.S. Burwick beat



Miss S. Dalziel, left, the "Y" Ladies' inside-right, was in fine form last Saturday against St. Andrew's Ladies, but will not be available for the coming Interport. Mrs. G. A. White, centre, who played for Hong Kong in the first Interport match, will be resuming hockey shortly. Miss A. Fowler, right, has not yet been seen at her best, although she is more or less a certainty for the Colony team.



LADIES' SECOND HOCKEY TRIAL ON SUNDAY MANY POSITIONS HAVE YET TO BE DECIDED

(By "STICKS")

THE Second Ladies' Interport hockey trial will take place next Sunday morning on the Y.M.C.A. ground at King's Park, commencing at 10.15 a.m., and it is very significant that the selectors have at least selected some semblance of a "Probable" side in Colours, who will be opposed to a strong representative side, many of whom have not yet been seen in action.

In Colours' side, Miss F. Best, of the C.B.A., will be seen in goal, while the left-wing position, which would ordinarily have fallen to the lot of Miss Westcott, will be filled by another player yet to be nominated, as the former is going up to Shanghai for a week's holiday. She will be back by Sunday week.

The Rest of Colours' team is very strong with the exception of the inside-right and right-half berths, in which we may see some changes.

Two Probable Changes

Miss I. Woolley, an Interport player from the C.B.A., will be seen at right-half for Whites and may possibly displace Mrs. Silva in the probable team, while Miss M. McCaw, of the Central British Schoolgirls, is also a potential challenger for the centre-half berth. Miss McCaw is a fine spoiler and distributes the ball with deadly accuracy, as her play in the Brown Cup testifies. Her greatest asset is perhaps her excellent position.



tioning, and there is every possibility that we may see in an upset here in the selections.

Mrs. Campbell and Miss E. Hamon, of the Rifles Ladies, will also be on display and it will be most interesting to see how they fare in senior hockey. Miss Hamon is a rare opportunist for a left-winger, but I doubt very much whether she has the speed or experience of Miss Westcott.

Miss Gittins' Claims

Miss P. Gittins' claims for the inside-right berth, in view of Mrs. Donald's certainty for the centre-forward position, are very strong. She has the necessary stickwork and speed.

The following are the teams for next Sunday's trial:—

Colours: Miss S. Best (C.B.A.); Miss E. Gray (H.K.) and Miss A. Fowler ("Y"); Mrs. Silva (Becroft); Miss J. Wong (St. Andrew's) and Miss K. Glover (H.K.); Miss O. Dalziel ("Y"); Miss W. Marsh (H.K.); Mrs. Donald (H.K.); Miss M. Smith ("Y") and A. N. O'Brien.

Whites: Mrs. Rose (St. Andrew's); Miss J. Walker (C.B.A.) and Miss G. White (St. Andrew's); Miss L. Woolley (C.B.A.); Miss M. McCaw (C.B.A.); Mrs. Campbell (Rifles Ladies); Miss E. Blackmore (C.B.A.); Mrs. E. Gittins (St. Andrew's); Mrs. Burton (C.B.A.); Miss C. Silva (Becroft) and Miss E. Hamon (Rifles Ladies).

The Submarines (Otis and Odie) by 4 goals to 1 on the Navy ground at King's Park.

COMMENTS ON THE "ASHES"

Jack Hobbs in The "News Chronicle"

London, To-day.—Whilst admitting that England has had all the luck and that Australia's form in the last two Tests has been too bad to last, commentators on the second Test, Match agree that England has a good chance of regaining the Ashes.

J. R. Hobbs, writing in the News Chronicle, declares that Australia does not look good enough, even with the possible strengthening of the team by alterations and with the back of the test to prevent England winning in straight Tests.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN CHANGES FOR THIRD TEST CHIPPERFIELD DROPPED

BROWN, DARLING AND
FLEETWOOD SMITH
CALLED IN

Following their defeats in the first and second Test matches, Australia has announced their team for the Third Test.

It will be selected from D. G. Bradman (Captain), C. Badcock, W. A. Brown, L. S. Darling, J. H. Fingleton, S. J. McCabe, E. L. McCormick, W. J. O'Brien, W. J. O'Reilly, W. A. Oldfield, L. O'Sullivan, Fleetwood-Smith and P. Ward.

Of the twelve selected for the last Test, Chipperfield, Sievers and Robinson have been replaced by Brown, Darling and Fleetwood-Smith.

W. A. Brown, one of the best opening batsmen in Australia, would have played before if he had not met with an injury.

L. Darling is a fast-scoring left-handed bat who, however, is considered to have a weak defence. Against tired bowling, he will be most useful and if the early Australian batsmen manage to get on top of the English attack he will probably make a lot of runs.

L.O.B. Fleetwood-Smith has also been kept out of the Tests by an injury. He is rather unique, being a left-hand poorly bowler.

Whether these changes will prove effective or not will be seen next week at Melbourne when the Third Test is scheduled to commence on January 1.



Miss Iris Woolley, above, an Interport half-back, will make her first appearance in the 1937 Interport hockey trials next Sunday morning. She is a strong contender for the right-half position.

TRIANGULAR TOURNEY ARMY IN STRONG POSITION

LEAD GAINED ON FIRST INNINGS

Thanks to fine performances by Lieut. Garthwaite, (7 for 49) and Capt. Walsh (57 runs), the Army are in a fairly sound position in their triangular Tournament cricket match against the Navy, which commenced yesterday on the Club ground.

The Navy had first lease of the wicket, but were always in difficulties against Garthwaite's swingers. Cmdr. Boucher being the only batsman to shape at all consistently, compiling 47 runs. The only other double-figure scorers in the total of 150 were, Eng. Cmdr. Davies (18) Lieut. Cochrane, (21) and Tel. Tufnell (18).

The Army score had reached 165 with seven wickets down, when stumps were drawn. Capt. Walsh, Lieut. Prichard and Sgt. Daniels, being the chief contributors.

Boucher has captured 5 for 84, and is the only Navy bowler to have met with any success.

The match will be continued this morning.

ROYAL NAVY (1ST INNINGS)

Lieut. Pullimore, b Garthwaite 2
Eng. Cmdr. Davies, c Daniels, b Garthwaite 19
Lieut. Cochrane, c and b Garthwaite 21
Surg. Lieut. Kirkwood, b Garthwaite 2
Lieut. Donald, c and b Garthwaite 47
Cmdr. Boucher, b Garthwaite 8
Cmdr. Wanchope, c Daniels, b Garthwaite 19
Cmdr. Hayter, lbw, b Garthwaite 7
L. Brown, c Walsh, b Ryland 6
L. E. Harp, c Ryland, b Pritchard 12
Tel. Tufnell, not out 18
Extras— 9

Total— 150

Bowling: Garthwaite 7 for 49, Pritchard 1 for 12, Ryland 1 for 58, Murphy 1 for 25, Tufnell 1 for 18.

THE ARMY (1ST INNINGS)

Sgt. Daniels, b Boucher 24
Capt. Jackson, b Boucher 19
L. C. Garthwaite, c Cochrane 1
L. D. M. C. Prichard, c Tufnell, b Boucher 9
Capt. L. J. Walsh, c Brown, b 1

WALES FIELDING A VERY WEAK TEAM BEST MEN WITHHELD FOR SUNDAY LEAGUE GAME LOSS IN GATE WILL RESULT

(By "ROVER")

A SOCCER sensation of the first magnitude had been caused by the Welsh selectors holding back their best players for the First Division League match on Sunday, when the Fusiliers meet South China "B", instead of allowing them to play for Wales against Portugal in the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup competition, which will probably result in a loss of gate.

The team which has been selected only includes one First Division player, Rowlands, and the reason behind the action in holding back the best players is only too obvious.

In holding back the best Welsh players and fielding a team comprised mostly of Second and Third Division players, those responsible have ruined a match that would have proved most interesting had both teams been at full strength.

The Welsh selectors may advance the view that the England-China game is likely to be the bigger draw of the two games, and therefore it seems a waste of time fielding their best team, with the possibility that several of their players may be injured, thereby ruining the Fusiliers' chances against South China "B" on Sunday.

But one has only to glance over the China team to see what a poor eleven they are fielding in comparison to some of their "representative" teams. But China have a genuine excuse as the majority of their "star" turns are members of the Canton Militia and Police, and are unable to obtain the necessary leave.

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SERVICE CORPS DEFEATED BY ROYAL NAVY SMITHS SHINE IN JUNIOR SHIELD

KEEN ENCOUNTER AT
CAUSEWAY BAY

The Navy advanced into the Third Round of the Junior Shield soccer competition when they defeated the Royal Army Service Corps by three clear goals in their postponed encounter at Causeway Bay yesterday.

The Service Corps did well to hold the Navy to this small margin and have to thank their goalkeeper, Smith, who gave an exhibition such as has seldom been seen in junior football. On his display yesterday he could hold his own against many First Division goalkeepers.

Bel, the left-back, was the outstanding player in the R.A.S.C. defence. His headwork and powerful kicking enabled him to relieve many dangerous situations, and though he was injured in a collision early in the game, he played a sound game.

In the forward line, Beasley, at centre forward, and Lieut. Reader, on the right-wing, were the best. The former was the life-wire of the attack, working hard for the openings, while the latter, though he did not shine in the first-half, was later prominent with some good runs down the wing.

The Navy settled down early in the game and tested Smith with several good shots. Smith, the Navy centre-forward, was a thrustful leader, sending his inside forwards through on several occasions. Spencer, last year's leading goal-scorer in the Second Division, did not reveal his best form, having lost much of his speed, though he still displayed the same good ball control.

The Navy scored two goals through Smith and Spencer early in the first half, and the former increased the lead in the second period to three goals.

F.A.S.C.—Smith, Bowring and Bell; Reader, Forster, Beasley, Roberts and Hughes.

Navy—Hayman, Regan and Hopkins; Turner, Taylor and Lower; Stone, Wolf, Smith, Spencer and Johnson.

L.G.U. MEDAL PLAY AT FANLING

Ladies' Golf Results

The following were the results of the L.G.U. Medal Competition held by the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at Fanling last Tuesday.

Silver Division.—Old Course. Mrs. Sheldon 94—11=83; Second score, Mrs. Withington 94—7=87.

Bronze Division.—New Course. Mrs. Pearce 98—25=73; Second score, Mrs. Roberts 107—23=78. The Picture List for 1937 for the Ladies' Section is now available.

STAFF V. STUDENTS AT CRICKET

Drawn Match At
Queen's College

The annual cricket match between the Staff and Students of Queen's College was played on the Indian 2.C. ground at Soekampoo yesterday, resulting in a draw.

Scores: Staff: 144 (Mr. E. H. Griffiths 58 retired, Mr. F. J. de Rome 39 retired; A. All 5 for 74, O. Tapp 2 for 20). Students: 101 for 9 wickets (B. C. Hing 22, Imad Ali 18, A. K. Maricar 13, Mr. T. E. Yeoh 3 for 13, Mr. M. A. Khan 3 for 27).

Bowling: Boucher 5 for 84, Harper 1 for 20 and Tufnell 1 for 25.



Miss M. Westcott, above, left the Colony on Tuesday last for a short holiday trip to Shanghai, but will be back before Sunday week.

NAVY SHARE HOCKEY SPOILS WITH ARMY

ACKREY SHINES ON
RIGHT WING

TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT ENCOUNTER

(By "ADREM")

In a Triangular Tournament hockey match played on the Marina ground yesterday afternoon, the Army drew with the Navy, both sides scoring once. The score was a very fair indication of the play, both sides being extraordinarily well balanced.

The Army were on the offensive from the outset and with a little more luck would have scored twice, following brilliant work on the part of Nerain Singh, who went through on his own. End-to-end play followed with the Army having slightly the better of the exchanges, but the Navy were fortunate to cross over on level terms.

Early in the second half, the soldiers forced a short corner and their efforts were rewarded when Stapleton scored. At this period, both defences were having a most harassing time, but held-out well. Towards the middle of the half, the Navy forwards fell into their stride and, with Lancelles and Ackrey combining well, launched a raid after raid. Following a good run on the left, Bowerman took a powerful shot at goal which Howlett saved but failed to clear. Wright, the Navy centre-forward following up to place the Navy on level terms.

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CHRISTMAS SOCCER PROGRAMME

For To-morrow And
Monday Next

The following is the Home
soccer League programme for
Christmas Day (to-morrow) and
next Monday, Saturday's League
fixtures appearing on page 7 of
this issue:

Christmas Day

FIRST DIVISION	
Arsenal	vs Preston
Birmingham	vs Sunderland
Brentford	vs Wednesday
Charlton	vs Portsmouth
Everton	vs Derby
Grimsby	vs Manchester C.
Leeds	vs Middlesbrough
Manchester U.	vs Bolton
Stoke	vs Chelsea
W. Bromwich	vs Liverpool
Wolves	vs Huddersfield
SECOND DIVISION	
Blackburn	vs Tottenham
Bradford	vs West Ham
Burnley	vs Doncaster
Chesterfield	vs Aston Villa
Coventry	vs Southampton
Fulham	vs Blackpool
Leicester	vs Barnsley
Newcastle	vs Norwich
Notts. F.	vs Bradford C.
Plymouth	vs Swansea
Sheffield U.	vs Bury
THIRD DIVISION (South)	
Brighton	vs Watford
Bristol	vs Crystal P.
Gillingham	vs Bristol R.
Luton	vs Notts. C.
Millwall	vs Aldershot
Northampton	vs Newport
Queen's P.R.	vs Exeter
Reading	vs Swindon
Torquay	vs Cardiff
Southend	vs Bournemouth
Walsall	vs Clapton
THIRD DIVISION (North)	
Accrington	vs Port Vale
Barrow	vs Southport
Carlisle	vs Oldham
Chester	vs Halifax
Gateshead	vs Darlington
Hull	vs Wrexham
Lincoln	vs Rotherham
Mansfield	vs Crewe
New Brighton	vs Stockport
Rochdale	vs Tranmere
York	vs Hartlepool

Monday

FIRST DIVISION	
Bolton	vs Manchester U.
Chelsea	vs Stoke
Derby	vs Everton
Huddersfield	vs Wolves
Liverpool	vs West Bromwich
Manchester C.	vs Grimsby
Middlesbrough	vs Leeds
Portsmouth	vs Charlton
Preston	vs Arsenal
Sunderland	vs Brentford
SECOND DIVISION	
Aston Villa	vs Chesterfield
Blackpool	vs Fulham
Barnsley	vs Leicester
Bradford C.	vs Notts. F.
Bury	vs Sheffield U.
Doncaster	vs Burnley
Norwich	vs Newcastle
Southampton	vs Coventry
Swansea	vs Plymouth
Tottenham	vs Blackburn
West Ham	vs Bradford
THIRD DIVISION (South)	
Aldershot	vs Millwall
Bournemouth	vs Southend
Bristol R.	vs Gillingham
Cardiff	vs Torquay
Clapton	vs Walsall
Crystal P.	vs Bristol C.
Newport	vs Northampton
Exeter	vs Queen's P.R.
Notts. C.	vs Luton
Swindon	vs Reading
Watford	vs Brighton
THIRD DIVISION (North)	
Crewe	vs Mansfield
Darlington	vs Gateshead
Halifax	vs Chester
Hartlepool	vs York
Oldham	vs Carlisle
Port Vale	vs Accrington
Rotherham	vs Lincoln
Southport	vs Barrow
Stockport	vs New Brighton
Tranmere	vs Rochdale
Wrexham	vs Hull

TWO BRENTFORD PLAYERS "CAPPED"

London, November 25.—Two
Brentford players—Richards and
Hopkins—have again been chosen
to play for Wales against Scotland
at Dundee next Wednesday.

FOOTBALL FORM GUIDE Comprehensive Table Shows Form At A Glance

A comprehensive guide to the form of all Clubs in the four premier
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details of how they fared in their last five matches are given.

The letters W, L, and D indicate matches won, lost and drawn
respectively. Games played at home are shown in capital letters,
while away games are denoted by ordinary type. The figures in
brackets denote the position held by that team at the conclusion of
last season, an asterisk denotes that that team has been promoted,
and a dagger that that team has been relegated.

First Division		HOME						AWAY					
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*Charlton (2)	I W W W	20	9	6	1	2	17 7 14 11	3	5	3	10	19	9 23
Brentford (5)	I W W W	19	11	9	0	2	31 5 20 8	1	6	1	7	20	3 23
Mid'boro (14)	I W W W	19	10	7	0	3	24 12 17 9	3	6	0	13	22	6 23
Arsenal (6)	W W L W	19	10	5	1	4	25 15 17 9	4	4	1	15	16	9 22
Derby (2)	W W W L	20	10	5	1	27	21 15 11 10 4	3	3	19	18 11	2 22	
Plymouth (10)	I D L L	20	10	7	1	2	20 12 16 10	1	5	4	10	20	6 22
H'dersfield (3)	W d L W	20	10	7	1	2	22 7 16 10	0	5	12	19	5 21	
Stoke (4)	I D D L	20	10	5	1	4	21 12 14 10	1	5	4	11 16	6 20	
M'chester C.(9)	W W W L	19	9	5	1	3	25 10 13 10	3	5	3	14 21	7 20	
Everton (16)	W D W L	19	10	8	0	2	23 7 18 9	1	8	0	10 20	2 20	
Grimsby (17)	I D D L	20	9	6	1	2	28 12 14 11	2	8	1	13 31	5 19	
Chelsea (8)	I W W L	20	10	5	2	3	19 13 13 10	2	6	2	11 19	6 20	
Preston (7)	D W D L	19	10	4	2	4	16 13 12 9	3	5	1	10 13	7 19	
Bolton (13)	L W L W	19	10	3	5	2	11 16 8 9	3	1	5	13 11	11 13	
Wolves (15)	W W W L	20	9	6	0	0	21 12 11 11	2	6	3	12 18	7 19	
Liverpool (19)	W D W L	20	9	5	0	4	22 8 14 11	1	3	2	14 32	4 18	
Wed'sday (20)	L d L W W	19	11	5	3	2	11 14 13 8	0	3	10	14	5 18	
B'rh'ham (12)	L D W W L	20	10	3	4	3	16 17 9 10	2	4	4	11 19	8 17	
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Bury (14)	W W D L	20	9	5	1	3	17 10 13 11	5	2	4	15 10	14 27	
N'castle (8)	W W W L	20	10	6	3	1	25 9 13 10	5	4	1	16 15	11 24	
*Coventry (2)	W W L W	20	11	7	2	2	21 10 16 9	2	3	4	10 6	8 24	
Leicester (6)	W W W W	20	9	5	2	2	20 11 12 11	4	4	3	15 14	11 23	
Sheffeld U. (3)	I D W L	20	10	7	1	2	22 8 16 10	1	5	4	15 19	6 22	
Fulham (9)	L W W L	20	10	5	2	3	15 16 13 10	4	5	1	13 17	9 22	
A. Villa (1)	W D L W	20	10	4	2	4	21 13 12 10	3	3	4	17 20	10 22	
Burnley (15)	W D W L	20	11	5	2	4	15 7 14 9	2	5	2	9 17	6 20	
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*Barnsley (10)	I W D W	20	10	5	1	4	13 16 14 10	2	7	1	10 21	16 19	
Tottenham (5)	W L W D	19	10	6	3	1	13 15 13 9	2	1	5	3 13	5 18	
Swansea (13)	L W W W	19	10	6	2	0	23 9 16 8	0	7	2	4 20	2 18	
Sampton (17)	L W L L	20	10	7	2	1	15 12 11 10	2	7	2	10 19	11 20	
Norwich (11)	I W W L	20	10	4	7	2	15 8 12 10	2	7	2	10 21	5 17	
W. Ham (5)	I W W L	19	10	4	2	4	17 14 12 9	1	6	2	3 22	4 16	
West Ham (5)	L W L D	19	8	5	2	1	13 8 11 11	1	7	3	8 22	5 16	
Ex'et C. (12)	L W W W	21	10	4	3	3	16 14 11 11	1	7	3	11 29	5 16	
*C'tersfield (2)	L W L L	19	9	4	2	3	18 14 11 10	1	7	2	12 25	4 15	
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Doncaster (19)	L D L L	19	10	2	4	4	6 15 8 9	0	8	1	4 31	1 9	
Third Division South		HOME						AWAY					
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Hull (3)	W W W L	17	10	7	0	3	18 7 17 7	3	2	2	11 12	8 25	
Stockport (5)	W W W W	19	11	8	0	3	37 2 19 8	2	4	2	4 7	6 25	
Lincoln (4)	L W W W	18	11	9	2	0	34 18 18 7	1	2	4	9 9	6 24	
P. Vale (1)	W W W W	20	10	7	1	2	25 16 16 10	2	5	3	8 19	7 22	
Oldham (7)	W W D W	18	11	6	5	27	17 17 7	1	5	1	9 13	5 22	
Wrexham (18)	W L W L	18	9	6	1	2	17 5 14 9	2	4	3	20 21	7 21	
M'field (19)	W L L L	17	8	5	2	2	23 13 11 9	3	3	3	11 14	9 20	
Halifax (17)	L W W L	18	7	4	2	1	10 6 9 11	5	3	1	11 19	11 20	
N. Elton (22)	I D W L	19	11	5	1	5	13 7 15 8 1 4	2	6	3	6 13	15	
Rotham (14)	W W W L	19	11	5	1	3	24 8 10 10	1	4	5	11 27	17	
Hartlepool (3)	W D W L	17	7	5	2	4	13 9 10 11	1	6	4	20 32	6 16	
Southport (21)	I D W L	17	7	5	2	4	13 9 10 11	1	6	4	20 32	6 16	

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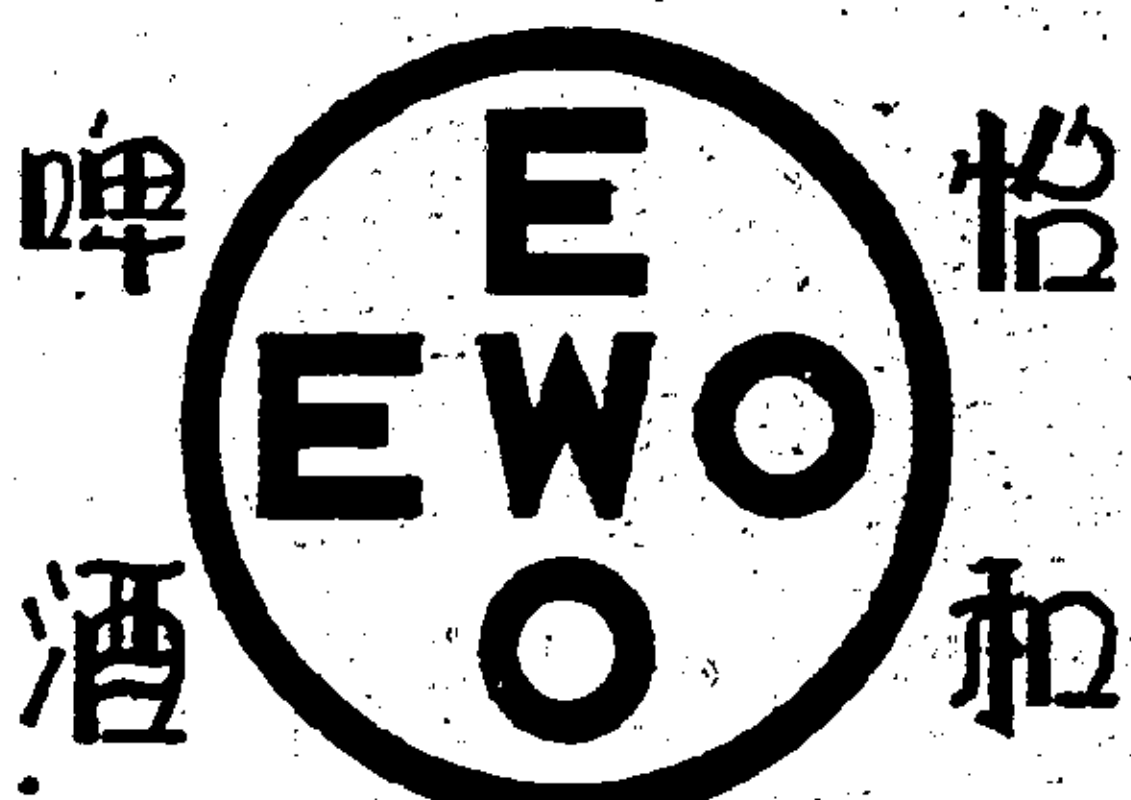


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Fair Play For British Coastal Shipping

Among the things which no one can understand is the slowness of the Board of Trade to take notice of the extent to which foreign ships are entering and cutting into the British coastal trade. It is not for want of having the subject brought to their attention. Last year 15 per cent of certain cargoes were carried between United Kingdom ports in foreign coasters, and the Cornish granite for the new bridge at Chelsea is being conveyed to London in foreign bottoms. Vessels specially designed for the English coastal trade are being built in Holland, and many of them are run as a domestic affair by the skipper and his family at a cost with which the British owner cannot compete. The reason is that they are exempt from conventions to which British vessels must conform, and the crews are not paid at the ordinary maritime rates. They are undermanned by British standards, even if the extent of the undermanning is not such as to render them "unfit to proceed to sea without serious danger to human life."

Mr. Bunciman stated recently that it had been found impracticable to enforce rates of wage payment on foreign vessels. One would like to know when and where the attempt has been made. No other maritime country would allow the foreigner to slip in and get a hold of its coastal trade by undercutting owing to his exemption from regulations which are deemed salutary for its own nationals. Public bodies, we agree, ought to show a more sensitive conscience in this matter, but the compelling impulse should come from the Board of Trade.

R.A.F. PLANES COLLIDE

Parachute Fails To Open

Acting Pilot-Officer William Dyer Coppinger was killed last month when his parachute failed to open after a mid-air collision between two R.A.F. planes near Peterborough.

The accident occurred during a passing-out inspection of No. 7 Flying Training School, Peterborough.

Coppinger's plane and another collided when flying in formation with three others, about 1,000 feet up. His machine fell about half a mile from the aerodrome.

Coppinger made a desperate effort to escape. He jumped at a height of 500 feet, but his parachute failed to open. He fell near his machine and was killed instantly.

The other machine was not affected. Coppinger's home was in Alberta, Canada.

FLYING DANGER TO STEEPLE

Airmen were asked last month not to fly near Louth (Lincoln) parish church, so great was the danger of vibration to the 300ft-high steeple which was being restored.

NEW CHELSEA BRIDGE

The new Chelsea Bridge, on which 100 workmen are engaged, is expected to be ready for opening next October.

UPROAR FOLLOWS SUICIDE

New Libel Laws Demanded

"WE WILL AVENGE SALENGRO"

Violent tension has been caused in Paris by the suicide recently of M. Roger Salengro, the Socialist Minister of the Interior.

Salengro had been the target of a Press campaign accusing him of having been a deserter during the war. He was exonerated.

During the night hundreds of people marched through Paris shouting "We will avenge Salengro."

They broke the office windows of the Conservative newspaper *Figaro*.

The Socialist *Populaire*, the organ of M. Blum, the Prime Minister, describes the weekly paper, *Gringoire*, which began the campaign against Salengro, as "the infamous sheet of the *Chapelle* family which is responsible for this death."

The printers of *Gringoire* have gone on strike.

State Funeral

Salengro was given a State was at Lille—where he killed himself. It was made the occasion for a gigantic anti-Fascist demonstration.

Simultaneously there was a mass march through to the east end of Paris organised by the Communist party.

Radical Socialist and Communist newspapers are demanding that the French libel laws be strengthened to prevent in future anything like the anti-Salengro campaign.

WOMAN GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

Judge's Ruling On Murder Charge

SENTENCE ON MOTHER OF NINE

Mrs. Amy Lester, 60, of Pear Tree-street, Derby, was at Derby Assizes last month sentenced to three years' penal servitude after a charge of murder against her husband dropped for one of manslaughter.

The case arose following the exhumation of the body of a young married woman, Florence Barker, upon whom it was alleged Mrs. Lester had performed an operation.

Mrs. Lester is the mother of 16 children, nine of whom are alive. Mr. Justice Atkinson ruled that there was not sufficient evidence to sustain the charge of murder. He directed that the case should proceed on the count of manslaughter.

Nursed The Poor
Mrs. Lester, in her evidence, denied that she performed an operation on Mrs. Barker. When the woman came to her she did not seem sane and threatened that if Mrs. Lester did not help her she would do something to herself.

Mrs. Lester said that she only pretended to examine her. She agreed that on two previous occasions she had helped Mrs. Barker in her trouble. Found guilty of manslaughter, Mrs. Lester withdrew her plea of not guilty to four charges relating to the use of unlawful means for procuring miscarriages. It was urged on her behalf that she had devoted herself to nursing the very poor in her locality.

SEASON OF BIG CATCHES

Angler's Third Success

There was a record entry of 117 for the Folkestone sea angling pier competition last month. The best catch was secured by R. E. Tait, of Folkestone, who a few minutes before the end of the competition landed a cod of 22 1/2 lbs., which was the largest fish of the day. His total catch was 41b 4 1/2 oz. It was the third prize in recent weeks for he also had the best single day catches at the Deal and Dover festivals.

Others' winners were: F. A. Cook, Folkestone; H. A. Blyth, Sandgate; R. R. Green, Hastings; H. C. Green, Folkestone; E. C. Potter, Hastings; C. Cook, Margate; A. Clark, Hythe, and Mrs. Swainson, Folkestone. The aggregate catch was 36b 11oz.

EXPLANATION OF TO-DAY'S CARTOON

The Ghost Ship

THE German battleship "Bayern" which was scuttled and abandoned by its German crew together with the other units of the German High Sea Fleet in Scapa Flow on June 21, 1919 and resurfaced on the surface on July 18, 1934. Thickly coated with seaweed and barnacles she floated like a specter for about 30 minutes and then as mysteriously as she had risen she disappeared from view.

After Germany lost the War, she was compelled to surrender her fleet to the Allies. The ships were interned in Scapa Flow, south of the Orkneys. As the Allies could not agree on who should man the ships, the Germans were left in charge, and were enabled to sink them within a few months after the end of the World War.

Your Daily Smile!

Not Ready
A little girl was examining a draper's catalogue. "Mummy," she said, "why do they make pictures of ladies who are not quite ready?"

Supreme Test
"I wonder what has become of the chess expert who used to play 24 games of chess blindfolded?"
"Oh, he's busy now dialing phone numbers in the dark."

Poetic
The young man was prematurely grey, and was very proud of it. "It looks quite poetic, don't you think?" he asked the girl he had met on the beach.
"Yes," she replied, "it reminds me of a certain poem."
"What is that?"
"When the Frost is on the Pumpkin."

Indebted Forever
Two men were sitting in a tent in East Africa. One of them boasted that he could go out and kill a lion forthwith. The other bet he couldn't. "I bet you a pound I can," said the first man, and went outside to do it. A few minutes later a lion put his head inside the tent and said: "He owes you a quid."

"Rakies"
In a small station in India, the billiards marker had picked up a few English expressions, with only a very hazy idea of their meaning. A very senior officer, on inspection duty, was having a game, when he misheard, whereupon, in one breath, the marker came out with: "One away, rakies, shot."

Difference
"What's the difference between salary and wages?"
"A white collar."

Here There And Everywhere - - -

MONGOOSE OR MONGOOSE?

Mr. Justice Swift does not know the plural of mongoose. Most people when asked would say "mongeese." They would, probably be wrong, though the Oxford English Dictionary gives little guidance on the point.

The nearest approach it makes to committing itself is an oblique reference to the plurals "mongoo" or "mongous" (1828) and "mungs" (1859). An American dictionary calls mongoo or mungoo "mongoses," which is probably right.

Mr. Arthur Bryant, the historian, who keeps a mongoose as a pet at his country house in East Claydon, where it terrorises nine cats, an Alsatian, and most visitors, states that if he had a companion for his mongoose he would probably call them mongeese, "but I shouldn't, anyway. 'Once bitten twice shy'."

LORD DARLING'S "RUBENS"

The sale of Lord Darling's pictures last month at Christie's, appeared to be realising poor prices. They ranged from half a guinea for Scott Somervilles and Alfred Thornthorn to 30 guineas for "A Hilly Landscape," by Harpignies. This was an exceptional price.

A Rubens was knocked down for 10 guineas. That a work of that master should have gone for about a thousandth part of its normal value leaves no doubt as to its unguineness.

When Lord Darling tried the great Romney case in 1917, in which a Romney sold for £20,000 was proved to be the work of Oskar Humphreys, he quoted the lines:

Were Romney's limning true,
What a lucky dog were you,
Grandpapa!

Lord Darling's executors hardly come in the "Grandpapa" category.

TRIBUTE TO CAPITALISM

Here is an appreciation of the benefits of capitalism in England:

The condition of the workers has steadily bettered. The length of life has increased; the living conditions vastly improved; the intellectual range widened.

The writer is Mr. Tom Johnston, Lord Privy Seal in the last Socialist Government, writing in "Forward."

It does not, however, betoken a change of heart or a conversion to Toryism on the part of Mr. Johnston.

He is merely using it as a stick in order to be able to take part in the now popular Socialist parlor game of belabouring Sir Stafford Cripps.

MR. OSBERT BURDETT

But for Mr. Osbert Burdett, who has died as the result of a fall on the escalator at Hyde Park Corner Station last month would probably have played a more prominent role among the literary men of his generation.

As a literary critic he will be remembered as the re-discovered of Coventry Patmore. He was also the protagonist of the post-war interest in the Brownings, which attained its culmination in Mr. Rudolf Besier's play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

But though he wrote many books, and their scholarly character did not prevent some of them going into popular editions, Mr. Burdett shone principally in his table-talk. He seasoned this with a nice discrimination in vignettes. His acerbic figure will be missed at the Savile, a club which still cultivates the old-fashioned art of conversation.

Mr. Burdett was the youngest son of the late Sir Henry Burdett, who was a personal friend of King Edward VII. in his Marlborough House days.

VETERAN M.P. CAUGHT NAPPING
Only second in seniority to Mr. Lloyd George—he has sat in the House since 1892—Sir Austen Chamberlain last month fell into an error of which only novices are usually guilty.

At question time reference was made to the Conservative arms deputation to Mr. Baldwin, and whether the Opposition had been refused representation upon it. After the Prime Minister had answered, Sir Austen rose, top hat in hand.

"May I say," he began, only to be drowned in a chorus of "No!"

The House is always zealous of the rule that confines all except Ministers strictly to asking questions, and not making statements. No M.P., not even the Father of the House, is exempt.

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



The GHOST SHIP

THE GERMAN BATTLESHIP "BAYERN" 22,000 TONS, WAS SUNK AT SCAPA FLOW, SCOTLAND, FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, ON JULY 18, 1919. SHE ROSE FROM THE OCEAN 120 FEET, FLOATED FOR HALF AN HOUR, AND THEN AS MYSTERIOUSLY AS SHE HAD RISEN SHE SLOWLY SANK AND DISAPPEARED FROM VIEW.



THEIR MOTHER'S PURSE

JOE went around to see his mother and father, and while he was talking with them and wondering if he could ask for the loan of a dollar, his sister Mary, who was dressed to go out for the evening, came into the room and said, "Can you let me have fifty cents to-night, Mother?"

She was borrowing money all the time now, and there was no excuse for her, because she was a stenographer and made pretty good pay. It was not the same with her as it was with their older brother, Stephen, who had three children, and could hardly live on his salary.

"If you could possibly spare it, I'd take a dollar," Mary was saying in her low and pleasant voice as she pulled on her gloves. Her easy smile, her assurance that she would not be refused, made Joe feel resentful. He knew that if he had asked for money, he would have shown that he was uneasy and a little ashamed, and that his father would have put down his paper and stared at him and his mother would have sighed and looked dreadfully worried, as though he were the worst kind of spendthrift.

Getting up to find her purse, their mother said, "I don't mind lending it to you, Mary, though I can't figure out what you do with your money."

"I don't seem to be doing anything with it I didn't use to do," Mary said.

"And I seem to do nothing these days but hand out money to the lot of you. I can't think how you'll get along when I'm dead."

"I don't know what you'd all do if it weren't for your mother's purse," their father said, but when he spoke he nodded his head at Joe, because he would rather make it appear that he was angry with Joe than risk offending Mary by speaking directly to her.

"If anybody wants money, they'll have to find my purse for me," the mother said. "Try and find it, Mary, and bring it to me."

Joe had always thought of Mary as his young sister, but the inscrutable expression he saw on her face as she moved around the room picking up newspapers and looking on chairs made him realize how much more self-reliant, how much apart from them, she had grown in the last few years. He saw that

Short Story By Morley Callaghan

she had become a handsome woman. In her tailored suit and felt hat, she looked almost beautiful, and he was suddenly glad she was his sister.

By this time his mother had got up and was trying to remember where she had put the purse when she came in from the store. In the way of a big woman, she moved around slowly, with a far-away expression in her eyes. The purse was a large, black, flat leather purse, but there never had been a time when his mother had been able to get up and know exactly where her purse was, though she used to pretend she was going directly to the spot where she had placed it.

Now she had got to the point where her eyes were anxious as she tried to remember. Her husband, making loud, clucking noises with his tongue, took off his glasses and said solemnly, "I warn you, Mrs. McArthur, you'll lose that purse some day, and then there'll be trouble and you'll be satisfied."

She looked at him impatiently, as she had hunted in all the likely corners and cupboards. "See if you can find my purse, will you, son?" she begged Joe, and he got up and began to help, as he used to do when he was a little boy.

Because he remembered that his mother sometimes used to put her purse under the pillow on her bed, he went to look in the bedroom. When he got to the door, which was half closed, and looked in, he saw Mary standing in front of the dresser with their mother's purse in her hands. He saw at once that she had just taken out a bill and was slipping it into her own purse—he even saw that it was a two-dollar bill. He ducked back into the hall before she could catch sight of him. He felt helpless and knew only that he couldn't bear that she should see him.

Mary, coming out of the bedroom, called, "I found it. Here it is, Mother."

"Where did you find it, darling?"
"Under your pillow."
"Ah, that's right. Now I remember," she said, and looked at her husband triumphantly, for she never failed to enjoy finding the purse just when it seemed to be lost forever.

As Mary handed the purse to her mother, she was smiling, cool, and unperturbed, yet Joe knew she had put the two dollars into her own purse. It seemed terrible that she was able to smile and hide her thoughts like that when they had all been so close together for so many years.

"I never have the slightest fear that it's really lost," the mother said, beaming. Then they watched her, as they had watched her for years after she had found her purse; she was counting the little roll of bills. Her hand went up to her mouth, she looked thoughtful, she looked down into the depths of the purse again, and they waited almost eagerly, as if expecting her to cry out suddenly that the money was not all there. Then, sighing, she took out fifty cents, hand-

"Sunday Herald" Contest Winners

The following are the prize-winners in the Sunday Herald competitions of December 20:

Three bottles of John Walker & Son's Old Highland Whisky (donated by Messrs. Caldwell Macgregor and Co., Ltd.)
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Winner—J. K. Leghorn, Esq.,
No. 7, Leighton Hill Road.

500 Wills' Cigarettes of your own choice (donated by the British American Tobacco Co. (China) Ltd.)
Winner—Francis Kuan,
No. 334, Nathan Road (1st floor).



Photo

ed it to Mary, and it was over, and they never knew what she thought.

"Good night, Mother. Good night, Dad," Mary said.

"Good night, and don't be late. I worry when you're late."

"So long, Joe."

"Just a minute," Joe called, and he followed Mary out to the hall. The groping, wondering expression on his mother's face as she counted her money had made him feel savage.

He grabbed Mary by the arm just as she was opening the door. "Wait a minute," he whispered.

"What's the matter, Joe? You're hurting my arm."

"Give that bill back to them. I saw you take it."

"Joe, I needed it." She grew terribly ashamed and couldn't look at him. "I wouldn't take it if I didn't need it pretty bad," she whispered.

They could hear their father making some provoking remark, and they could hear the easy, triumphant answer of their mother. Without looking up, Mary began to cry a little; then she raised her head and begged in a frightened whisper, "Don't tell them, Joe. Please don't tell them."

"If you needed the money, why didn't you ask them for it?"

"I've been asking for a little nearly every day."

"You only look after yourself, and you get plenty for that."

"Joe, let me keep it. Don't tell them, Joe."

Her hand tightened on his arm as she pleaded with him. Her face was now close against his, but he was so disgusted with her he tried to push her away. When she saw that he was treating her as though she were a cheap crook, she looked helpless and whispered, "I've got to do something. I've been sending money to Paul Farrell."

"Where is he?"

"He's gone to a sanitarium, and he had no money," she said.

In the moment while they stared at each other, he was thinking of the few times she had brought Paul Farrell to their place, and of the one night when they had found out that his lung was bad. They had made her promise not to see him any more, thinking it was a good thing to do before she went any further with him.

"You promised them you'd forget about him," he said.

"I married him before he went away," she said. "It takes a lot to look after him. I try to keep enough out of my pay every week to pay for my lunches and my board here, but I never seem to have enough left for Paul, and then I don't know what to do."

"You're crazy. He'll die on your hands," he whispered. "Or you'll have to go on keeping him."

"He'll get better," she said. "He'll be back in maybe a year." There was such an ardent fierceness in her words, and her eyes shone with such eagerness, that he didn't know what to say to her. With a shy, timid smile, she said, "Don't tell them, Joe."

"O.K.," he said, and he watched her open the door and go out.

Joe went back to the living room, where his mother was saying grandly to his father, "Now you'll have to wait till next time to cry blue ruin."

His father grinned and ducked his head behind his paper. "Don't worry. There'll soon be a next time," he said.

"What did you want to say to Mary?" his mother asked.

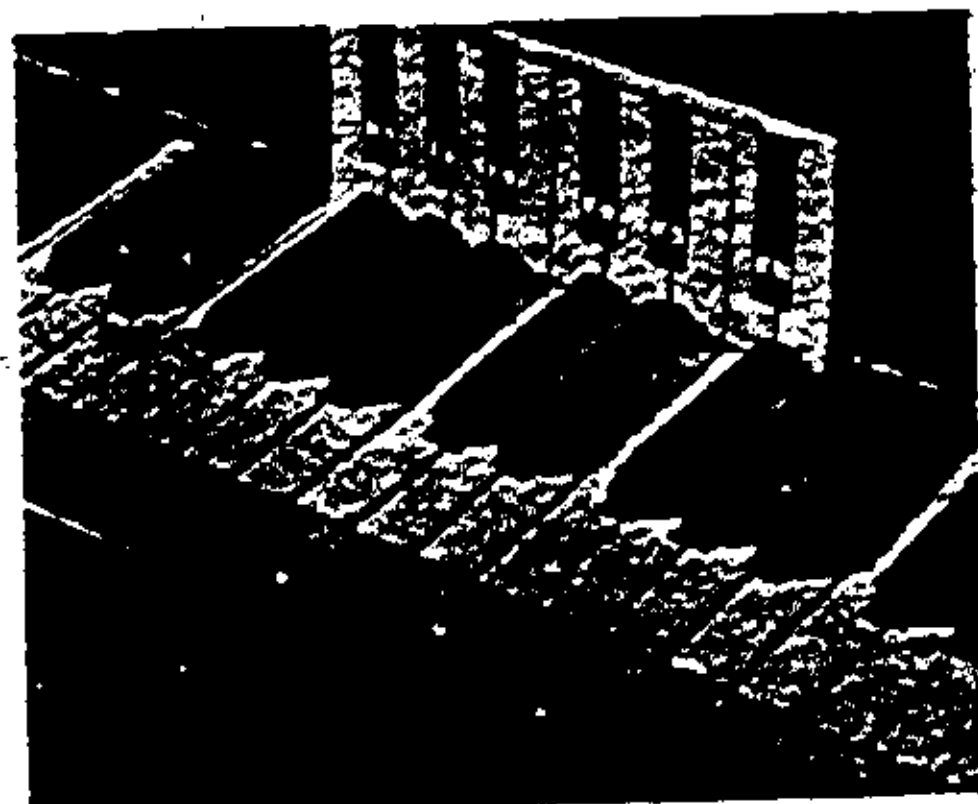
"I just wanted to know if she was going my way, and she wasn't," Joe said.

And when Joe heard their father's voice and remembered Mary's frightened, eager face, he knew he would keep his promise, and say nothing to them. He was thinking how far apart he had grown from them; they knew very little about Mary, but he never told them anything about himself, either. Only his father and mother had kept on going the one way. They alone were still close together.

(The End)

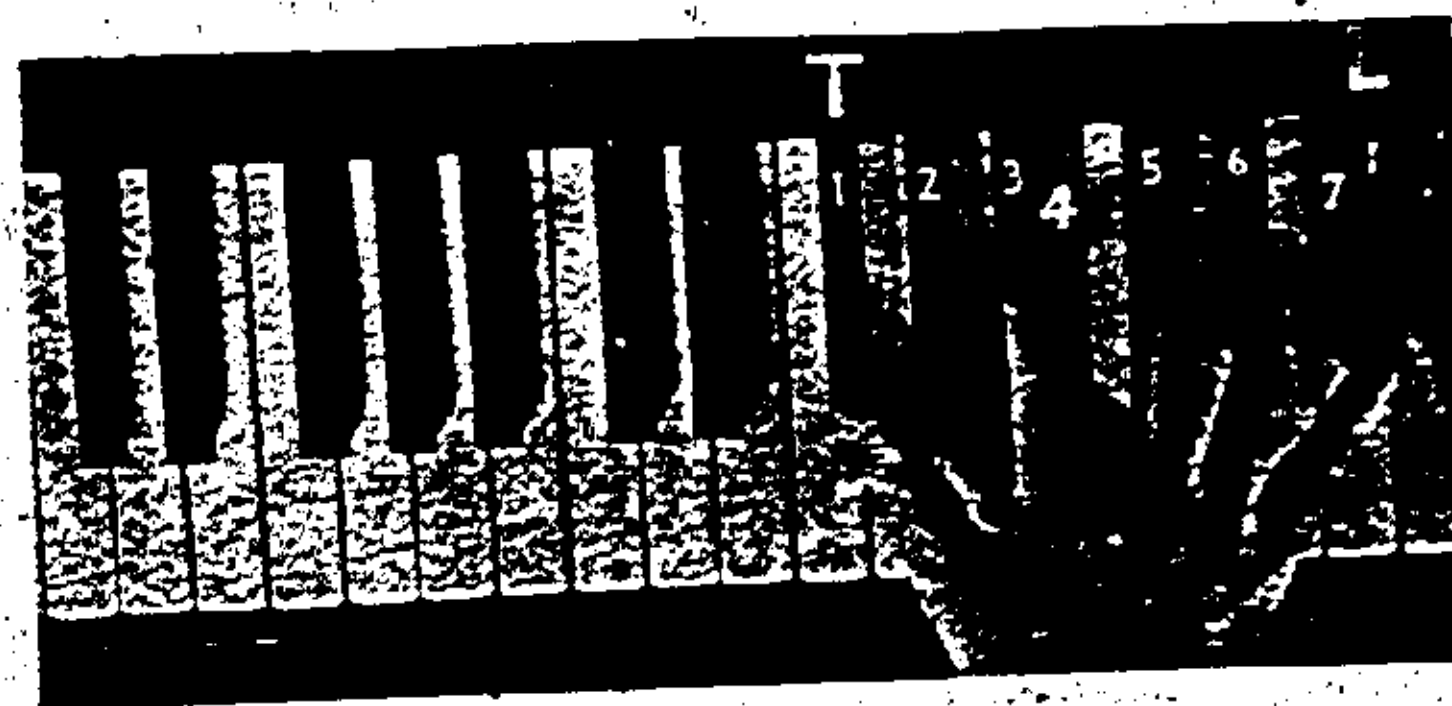
WHISTLING ON THE PIANO

WITH to-day's issue we begin a series of ingenious piano lessons. The principal idea is that anything you can whistle you can play on the piano. The course consists of four lessons, and after the fourth lesson you will have a number of tunes set down according to the system of numbering you will have learned. By this method you can play by ear, with a simple harmonising bass at the left hand, and with full four-note chords at the right, any simple melodies that you can hum or whistle. Charts can be purchased at Moutrie's.



NUMBERING THE KEYS

THERE are eighty-eight keys on all standard piano keyboards, but they represent only the various placements of seven different notes. Numbers are used in this method, in place of key names, to designate the seven different keys. The black keys are numbered one, two, three, five, six, and the white keys that are used, in this method are numbered four and seven, as shown on the keyboard chart placed behind the keys in the illustration above. The chart shows one octave.



LESSON ONE

PLACE the thumb of the right hand on the first black key of any group of 3 black keys and the little finger on the corresponding key above, making an octave. Then proceed to the right, playing all black keys, including in the scale the white key immediately following any group of three black keys (No. 4) and the white key preceding any group of three black keys on the chart. Be sure to count as you play, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 1, learning the key numbers. Endeavour to gain speed as well as accuracy. Run the full length of the keyboard, up and back, thereby training the ear and by practice gaining the required speed and accuracy. Never use the 4th (or ring finger) of either hand. This is Lesson One. Practice this 20 minutes each day for seven days. Then take up Lesson Two and practice it 20 minutes each day for seven days.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

T—Thumb.

L—Index or first finger.

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A happy group of race-goers enjoy a joke "at the rails" in between races at the Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting last Saturday. ("China Mail" photo).



A happy group of children attended the Christmas party given by the two sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Haslon at their Prince Edward Road residence last Saturday. ("China Mail" photo).



Judging by the above photograph, the grown-ups enjoyed themselves every inch as much as the kiddies at the Christmas Party given by the two boys of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Haslon. ("China Mail" photo).



Happy after watching their pony winning, these two race-goers were "caught" by the camera at the Valley last Saturday. ("China Mail" photo).



The above photograph shows the boarders at Wah Yan College, with two of their teachers. (King's Studio).



Four spectators at the recent Hong Kong Rifle Association meeting. ("China Mail" photo).



At Right:

"Trying to spot a winner." The gentleman is deeply engrossed in studying his book while his lady friend prefers to see if she can make her choice from the board. The above photograph was taken at the Race Course last Saturday. ("China Mail" photo).

I would like to know....

... who the acid gentleman was who when he was told that one of the local belles claimed that she was four and twenty, said: "Surely, she means four and twenty stone."

... who the local amateur actress is of whom a rival in the show said: "If she would fall into the sea near a lighthouse she would surely be drowned. She would keep swimming in circles just to keep in the spotlight."

... who the local newspaperman was to whom his Editor told that he was fired and added: "If you hurry you still can get your ad. for 'Situation Wanted' in the final edition!"

... who the incurable resident of the Hong Kong Hotel bar is whose wife, determined to cure him of his evil ways, with the aid of a sheet and an electric torch, transformed herself into the fair resemblance of a ghost. She went in and shook her husband.

"Wash that" he murmured. "This is the devil," came the answer in sepulchral tones.

"Shake hands, old horn, I married your sister."

... who the courageous young man was who when the seeress visited us asked her one Saturday night in the Hong Kong Hotel: "May I have the next trance?"

... who the virtuoso was who went into Moutrie's the other day and complained about the music stool he bought. He said: "I've twisted and turned it in all directions but I can't get a single note out of it."

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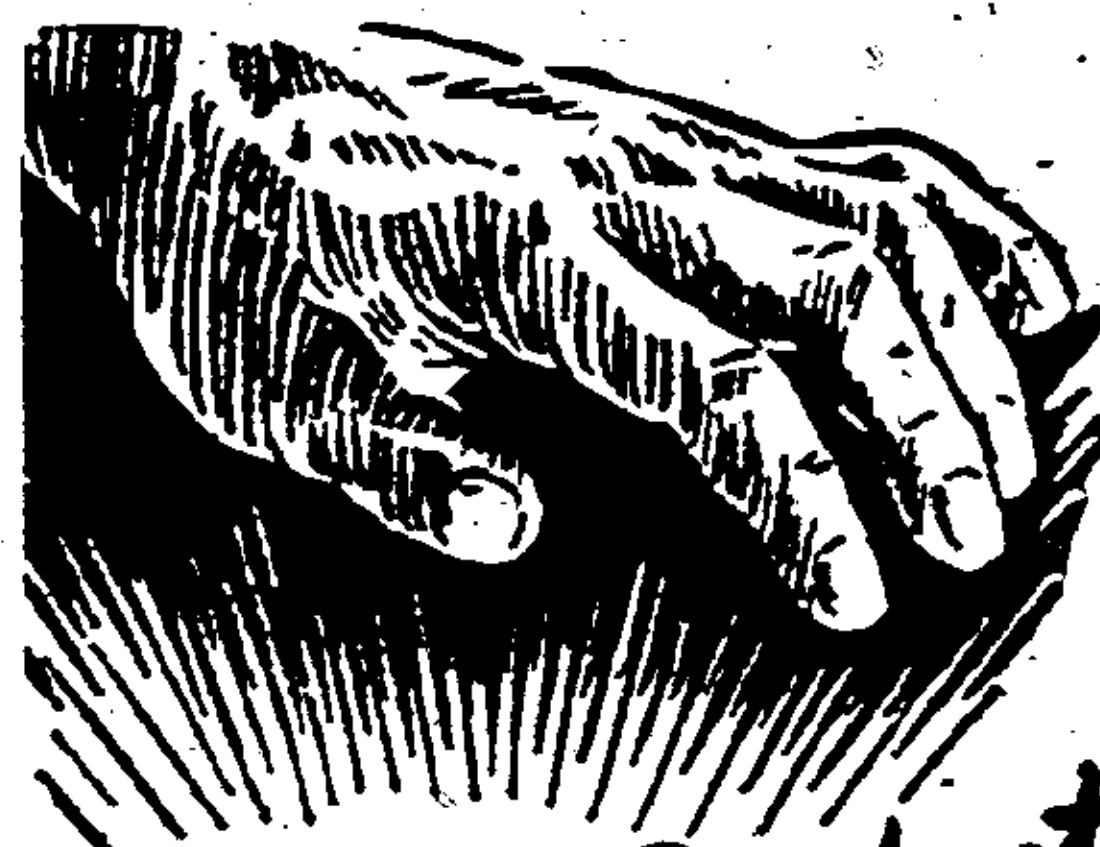
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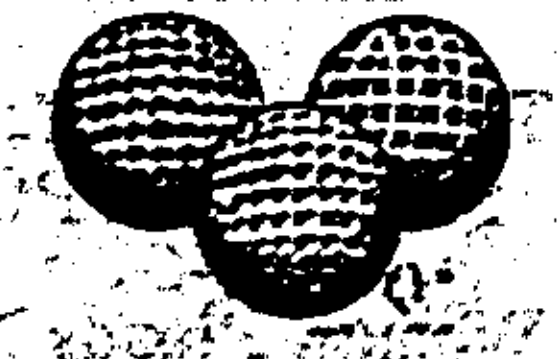
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LATEST RESULTS AND TABLES

The Catholic Union Club are maintaining their lead in both the Steel, Coulson's Snooker and Billiards Leagues, having a clear advantage over the Royal Engineers' Mess in the former, and the Garrison Sergeants' Mess in the latter respectively.

Lewis, of the Dockyard Recreation Club, chalked up a break of 39 against Chant of the R.E. Mess, whom he beat by 150 points to 92 in their billiards encounter.

Latest Results

The following are the latest results in both the Leagues:—

SNOOKER	
R.N.Y.P.	C.S.C.C.
Safford	McGowan
Philpotts	Hillyer
Stevens	Collyer
Burroughs	Murray
Brotherston	Knights
D.R.C.	C.U.C.
Hussey	Luz
Edward	Santos
Ruth	Cunha
Smith	Pereira
Waldie	Antonio
C.S.C.C.	R.E. Mess
Bendall	Chant
Hillyer	Mumford
Knights	Fleming
Murray	Moreton
Collyer	Warren

SNOOKER LEAGUE TABLE	
C.U.C.	11
R.E. Mess	8
C.S.C.C.	9
P.O. Mess	7
R.W.F.	4
R.N.Y.P.	3
D.R.C.	2
G.S. Mess	1
R.A. Lyman	0

BILLIARDS	
D.R.C.	R.E. Mess
Ruth	Hodges
Lewis	Chant
Norris	Staples
Marsh	Fleming
Atkins	150
C.U.C.	Garr. Sgts.

BILLIARDS LEAGUE TABLE	
C.U.C.	10
Garr. Sgts.	10
R.A. Lyman	7
C.S.C.C.	5
R.E. Mess	3
R.W.F.	2
D.R.C.	1
P.O. Mess	0

NAVY SHARE
HOCKEY SPOILS
WITH ARMY

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Goalkeepers Shine

A feature of the game was the fine performances of the two goalkeepers, both of whom saved their respective sides on numerous occasions.

Cox and Kishan Singh, at full back, showed a good understanding and covered each other well. Stapleton, at centre-half, was the pick of the intermediate line and was good in both attack and defence.

The Army have soon discovered a substitute for Lal Singh, their former left-winger. In Partab, they have a man who is just as fast and boasts a reverse-stick centre very little inferior to his predecessor. Owen, at inside-left, although good, appeared to be too slow for his centre-forward, Nerain Singh, and his winger. A positional change between Nerain Singh and himself, would probably strengthen the forward line considerably.

Robinson, at right-wing, with Khuda Bux as his inside, were good, but by no means outstanding.

The Navy Players

On the Navy side, Broome and Collier, at back, were both very sound, whilst Davies and Spencer at left-half and centre-half, were the pick of the halves.

Bowerman, on the left-wing, was the only weak link in their forward line, which was best served by Wright, Lascelles and Ackrey. The last-named player displayed a very fine turn of speed and centred strongly. In view of the Colony's lack of a right-winger, Ackrey will be a strong contender for Interport honours.

Navy:—Garwood, Broome and Collier; McCoy, Davies and Spencer; Ackrey, Lascelles, Wright, Burch and Bowerman.

Army:—Howlett, Kishan Singh and Cox; Brown, Stapleton and Tara Singh; Robinson, Khuda Bux, Nerain Singh, Owen and Partab.



A fine camera study of Gladys George who has the title role in "Valiant Is The Word For Carrie," the Paramount production due at the Queen's Theatre next Sunday.

"Y" LADIES WIN OVER
ST. ANDREWS

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while Miss Tonge, at right-half, was much too good for the West-Broadbridge wing.

The forward line was magnificent. Rarely have I seen better combination in any type of hockey. Mrs. Read, as the leader, had very little to do. When she obtained possession, she passed out to the wings; they made the ground and the insides did the rest.

None Better

I cannot think of a better Inter-Port combination than Miss Marie Smith and Miss Marjorie Westcott for the left wing. The latter has improved enormously, having improved her stickwork considerably and having now acquired a most powerful centre. Miss Smith has retained all her skill of last season and has developed an accurate and fast drive at goal. Miss Sybil Dalziel is the aggressive and speedy type of player, ideally suited to the inside-position. Her goal in the first half was a fine piece of opportunism and she was always dangerous.

There may be faster wingers in the Colony—although I doubt it—than Miss Olive Dalziel, but I do not think there is one of her speed with such good stickwork.

Tendency To Delay

Her greatest fault, so far as I can see, is a tendency to delay her centre a little too long, thus enabling the opposing defence to get into position to intercept it.

The game was possibly a little too one-sided, especially in the second half, but the fine forward movements of the "Y" were always interesting to watch. If these players are able to maintain their present form, it is going to take a much better combination than any playing in the Colony at the present moment to inconvenience them.

PANTOMIME AT
Y.M.C.A.Production Gains
Momentum

Another large gathering was present at the Christmas Pantomime, "Jack and the Beanstalk," at the European Y.M.C.A. last night, which went with a better swing than hitherto, the four little cookies being repeatedly encircled for their clever tap-dancing number.

Bob Henderson, as Dizzie, Leonard Starbuck, as Widow Wanchel, and Willie Forsyth, as Cookie, were excellent and repeatedly evoked laughter and applause.

There will be a matinee to-day at 5 p.m.

WASTE-PAPER FIRE

Hundreds of tons of waste-paper were destroyed in a fire at the Salvation Army salvage works in Bermuda last month, which was subdued after three hours by 60 firemen with 10 engines.

WALES FIELDING A
VERY WEAK TEAM

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I approached Major Manners, the Chairman of the Association, on the matter yesterday afternoon and he confessed that he knew nothing about the team which was being fielded, but that he would take immediate steps to see what could be done about it.

It is up to the local Association authorities to make a move in the right direction, and to make it quickly.

Charity Benefits

The Sunday Herald International Charity Cup matches have always received the best of support from the public and charities in the Colony have benefited to the extent of nearly \$40,000 since the inception of the series.

These matches, incidentally, are the major feature of the Boxing Day sports programme, no other sports having been arranged.

The following are the teams: China—Chin Hang (Eastern) (Captain); Lee Tin-sang (S. China "A") and Mak So (K. Chinese); Leung Wing-chin (S. China "A") (Vice-Captain); Lam Tak-po (S. China "B") and Lo Wai-kuen (Athletic); Tang Kwong-sum (K. Chinese); Lai Shin-wing (S. China "A"), Fung King-cheung (S. China "A"), Chan Yue-tin (Eastern) and Cheong Moon-wing (Athletic). Reserves: Wong Wah-gay (S. China "B"), Kwok Ping-chung (K. Chinese) and Wong Shau-ching (Athletic); Lai Kwok-chin (K. Chinese); Wong Mei-shum (S. China "A"), Cheong Kwok-choi (Eastern); Chan Ping-to (Eastern); Cheng Shui-hong (Eastern); Soong Ling-sing (Eastern); Chow Man-chi (K. Chinese) and Lee Shek-yau (S. China "B").

Notable absentees are Pau Kaping, Tam Kong-pak, Ip Pak-wa, Tay Quee-lung, Wong Mei-shum, Two Kwai-shing and Ho Kwan-ling. England—F. Cocker (Navy); E. L. Swain (East Lancs.) and J. Walverton (Navy); R. North (Police); A. S. Bliss (Kowloon) (Captain) and E. Strange (Club); F. Fowler (Club); A. Sandford (East Lancs.); J. Smith (Navy); J. Wide (Navy); E. L. Bickford (Club).

Reserves:—H. Wolfe (Navy), S. Strange (Club), K. Forrow (Club), and E. Elliott (Club). Wales—Rowlands; Davis and McHacker; Tucker, Keneghan and A. N. Ocher; Roberts; Lt. J. W. Riley (Captain); Tatler, Linton and Ashton. Portugal—U. B. Souza (Recrui); L. Souza (St. Joseph's) and V. Costa (St. Joseph's); Beltrao (Recrui); A. V. Gosano (Recrui) and Delgado (St. Joseph's); C. Marques (Recrui); C. Santos (Liza); B. Gosano (Recrui); J. Gomes (Recrui) and L. Fernandes (St. Joseph's).

Reserves:—E. M. Marques (St. Joseph's); V. Marques (Recrui); H. Remedios (Liza); E. Souza (Liza) and A. Alves (Recrui).

Wales—Rowland; Davis and McHugh; Tucker, Keneghan and North; Roberts; Lieut. Riley, Tatler, Linton and Ashton.

GENTLEMEN, THE KING!

London, To-day: His Majesty the King has approved the recommendation of the Home Secretary Sir John Simon, to order that the form of the Royal Toast in future at official and public dinners shall be, first The King, second The Queen, the Queen Mother and other members of the Royal Family. —British Wireless Service.

Three cases of diphtheria and two of enteric fever were reported during the 24 hours ended on Tuesday.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES NORWAY'S

A Grand Christmas variety entertainment will be held in the hall room, Hotel Cecil to-day, Thursday, at 8 p.m. All members of H. M.'s forces are invited; admission by courtesy. The band of the Royal Ulster Rifles are unable to attend, but the Selma Band of H. M. S. Cumberland will be in attendance. The following will also entertain during the evening. —Messrs. A. A. Barton (baritone), W. Gifford (tenor), J. Gibson (saxophonist), H. J. Everett (entertainer), and A. W. Paris (piano accompanist).

The Bishop of Hong Kong will be the celebrant and preacher at the Midnight Choral Eucharist at the Kowloon Tong Anglican Church, 3 Duke Street, to-night. The Service begins at 11.30 p.m.

The annual Christmas and New Year Party for Service friends will be held at the Sailors and Soldiers' Home, 22 Hennessy Road, on Wednesday, December 30, commencing at 7.30 p.m. This will take the form of a dinner, and a concert.

There will be a Whist Drive and Tombola in the R. A. Sergeants' Station Mess, Gun Club Hill, Kowloon, on Sunday, December 27, commencing at 8.30 p.m.

Mr. Alistair Drummond and Miss Leonore Rachel Beatrice Urnston, of Edinburgh, were married at 11.30 a.m. yesterday at the Peak Church. The bridegroom is a member of the firm of Lowe, Bingham and Matthews. At 12.30 p.m. a reception was held for friends at Lane Crawford's Reception Room.

Last night, members of the Fellowship of Youth of St. Andrew's Church organised a Carol Party and visited many hotels, boarding-houses and private homes in central Kowloon.

The C.N.A.C. plane Fukien brought two passengers, Messrs. Chen Chuck and Lo Kok-yu from Canton to Hong Kong yesterday, and left here for Shanghai carrying Mr. P. H. Yu, Lt.-Col. H. Yoshahide, Mr. C. L. Culbertson and Mr. E. L. Elias.

The St. Paul's Chinese School, adjoining the French Convent, Causeway Bay, held their annual prize distribution at their School House yesterday. Before the prizes were distributed Mr. Ma Siu-chun the Chairman, welcomed the many people present and spoke a few words on the excellent progress of the School.

FULL NAVAL
HONOURSFuneral Of Seaman
Smith

Full naval honours were accorded to the late Able Seaman Frederick G. Smith of H.M.S. Dorsetshire, who died at the China Fleet Club on Tuesday, at his funeral in the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday.

The funeral procession lined up outside the Royal Naval Hospital and marched to the cemetery in slow time, led by the Royal Marine Band of H.M.S. Dorsetshire. The gun carriage crew and the firing party were from the same ship.

The chief mourners and pall bearers were Leading Seaman Davis, Leading Seaman Simpson, Able Seaman Thompson, Able Seaman Barrett, Able Seaman Evans, Able Seaman Jones, Able Seaman Driscoll and Ordinary Seaman Pilder. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. H. W. Brierley, R.N.

Three volleys were fired over the grave at the conclusion of the service, and a bugler from the Royal Marines sounded the "Reveille."

Among the officers present were Captain A. J. L. Murray, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commander Rock-Kenna, Paymaster Commander E. A. Jolley, Engr. Commander Eason, Lt. Commander Clarke, Lt. Commander Brister, Lt. Christie, Lt. Forbes, Lt. Baker, Lt. ("E") Draper, Sub-Lt. ("E") Collins, Comd. Gunner H. P. Scutcheon, Wt. Elect A. V. Wright, Wt. Engr. H. J. Ticker.

CUSTOMS OFFICER
BURIEDShot By Smugglers In
Kwongchowwan

MR. THOMAS G. PADGET

The body of Mr. Thomas George Padget, of the Chinese Maritime Customs, who was shot in an engagement with smugglers at Kwongchowwan on Thursday last, was brought to Hong Kong for interment on Tuesday night by the s.s. Tai Po Sek.

No details of the incident are at the moment available.

The late Mr. Padget, who was formerly in the Navy, had been in the Customs service since 1922, and was transferred from Swatow to Kwongchowwan some two months ago. He was 33 years of age.

The funeral took place at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, the Rev. J. R. Higgs officiating.

The chief mourners were the widow and the young daughter, and amongst those present were Mr. A. H. Forbes, Mr. G. Gawler, Mr. W. Nash, Mr. J. E. Read, Mr. S. L. Young, Mr. Tse Shiu-ping, Mr. Chan Che-mou, Mr. T. S. Tang and Mr. W. Y. Tong.

In addition to the family wreaths, a large number of floral tributes were sent.

LAID TO REST

Funeral Of Mrs.
H. A. Silva

The funeral of the late Mrs. Helena (Nellie) d'Azavedo da Silva, whose death occurred at her residence, No. 23, Jordan Road, on Tuesday, at the age of 51 years, took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday evening, when the Rev. Father L. M. Rossi officiated at the graveside.

The late Mrs. Silva was the wife of Mr. A. M. da Silva of Messrs. Jardine's, and left a family of seven sons and seven daughters, while two brothers and two sisters also survive her.

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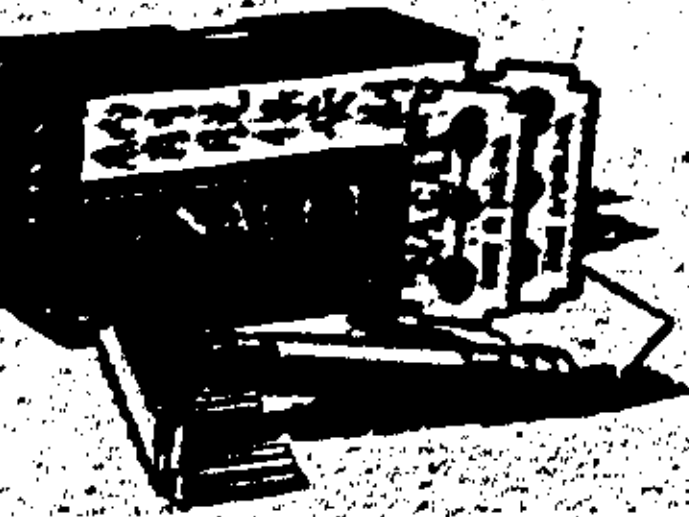
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PRETTY KOWLOON WEDDING

PREW — FRITH

RECEPTION AT THE D.B.S.

A very pretty wedding was
 solemnized at St. Andrew's Church
 yesterday afternoon, the contract-
 ing parties being Miss Iris Audrey
 Frith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
 C. E. Frith of London, and Mr.
 Albert G. F. Prew of the Diocesan
 Boys' School. The Rev. C. B. R.
 Sargent, M. A. Headmaster of the
 Diocesan Boys' School, officiated,
 assisted by the Rev. J. R. Higgs,
 vicar of St. Andrew's Church.

The bride was given away in
 marriage by Mr. G. Coysh and
 looked very pretty in an ivory
 satin gown with long pleated
 sleeves, cowl collar and peacock
 train. She wore a hand-made
 Brussels lace veil with orange
 blossoms, and carried a bouquet
 of white roses (sheaf).

The bridesmaid was Miss Evelyn
 Bolt who wore a pink satin dress
 with puff sleeves trimmed with
 roses, made from the same materi-
 al. She carried a beautiful bou-
 quet of salmon coloured gladioli.
 Miss Margaret Bolt was the flower
 girl and wore a pale blue satin
 dress of the Victorian style. The
 flower girl's bouquet was a posy
 of African daisies.

Mr. R. J. M. Monks was the best
 man, while Mr. R. Baldwin officiated
 at the organ. A reception was
 held, after the ceremony, at the
 Diocesan Boys' School, a large
 number of friends gathering to
 offer their felicitations.

The honeymoon is being spent
 at Repulse Bay, the bride's going-
 away dress being of light brown
 material.

DAUGHTER POSTS LETTER

Left By Mother Who Committed Suicide

Mrs. Joan Batts, aged 59, of
 Rose Hill, Oxford, was found dead
 by her daughter in a gas-filled bath-
 room last month.

At the inquest at Oxford her
 husband said his wife had been
 in ill-health for some years. On
 the night of the tragedy he declin-
 ed, on account of the state of his
 wife's health, to agree with the
 suggestion that their daughter
 should go on a holiday trip to
 Australia.

His wife followed him with a
 revolver as he went out of the
 room. As he was taking the wea-
 pon from her, it went off.

Miss Joan Batts said she saw
 a gas warning pinned on to the
 bathroom door, and after she had
 found her mother dead she saw in
 another room a stamped addressed
 envelope. When her father had
 gone for a doctor she posted this
 letter.

Mr. Batts denied that he had
 ever acted in a brutal way towards
 his wife.

A verdict of Suicide while the
 balance of the mind was disturbed
 was recorded.

GAS MASK DEPOT

A depot for storing 3,000,000
 gas masks for the civil population
 in the event of war has been es-
 tablished at Cheetham, Manches-
 ter.

First Aid Examinations

Over 80 members of the Hong-
 kong Division of the St. John's Am-
 bulance Brigade were successful
 in the final examination for First
 Aid and Home Nursing lectures
 on which were given during the
 year by Mrs. K. W. Ip and K. K.
 Wong, both belonging to the same
 Division. Dr. Y. M. Ng, of the
 Kwong Wah Hospital, was in
 charge of the final examination.

The following are the names of
 the successful officers and mem-
 bers:

Men's section: Superintendent
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 fook and Chan Yiu-tung and Mem-
 bers Wang Shin-ping, Chan Ping-
 hang, Chan Shin-lam, Chan Sze-
 shing, Au Yung-kin, Chee Kwok-
 Yee, Wong Pak-sun, Lam Si-
 tung, Yeung Wing-lai, Chan Pak-
 hang, Chan Pak-lam, Cheung Man-
 kam, Wong Shin-wing, Lau Tin-
 chee, Lo Chun-kwong, Chan
 Tsung-chee, Lo Yiu-wah, Lok
 Kwok-foo, Pang Shin-wah, Chan
 Mow-ting, Tong Yuk-kuan, Wong
 Kwo-fai, Wong Man-lai, Chan
 Yuen-wing, Ng Yiu-shing, Chung
 Kwan-shun.



Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy are funnier than ever in their
 newest picture, "Our Relations," which will be shown at the King's
 Theatre to-morrow.

HIS TEST MATCH

Against his better judgment,
 he had been persuaded to play in
 the office cricket match—"just
 to make up the eleven."

As he watched, he shuddered
 to think what would happen to
 him when he faced the fast
 bowler.

Last man in, with knees knock-
 ing, he walked to the wicket and
 held his bat upright (because he
 had seen the other batsmen do
 it). The umpire, wanting to
 know if he wanted "centre" or
 "middle-and-leg," asked: "What
 do you want?"

Promptly the timid batsman
 replied, "Under, please!"

TOTE MACHINE IN CLUB

Fine Of £30 Imposed

George Rogers, aged 60, an ac-
 countant, of Brunswick-terrace,
 Hove, chairman of the Exchange
 Club, Marikane, E. C., was fined
 £5 at the Mansion House last
 month for being the occupier of
 a house kept for gaming.

William Raymond Wilding, aged
 31, of High-street, Peckham, a
 manufacturer's agent, was fined
 £25 and 10s. 6d. costs for being
 concerned with Rogers.

It was said that a "totalisator"
 machine, which gave odds of from
 2 to 1 to 20 to 1, and was admitted
 by Wilding to be his, was found at
 the club.

Wilding had admitted being
 fined at the Guildhall for a similar
 offence.

BEFORE PLANE CRASHED

It Blew A Woman's Hat Off!

Evidence that his plane was
 flying so low that it blew a wo-
 man's hat off and she threw her-
 self to the ground was given
 last month at the Steyn-
 ing, Sussex, inquest on Flight-
 Lieut. Fred Charles Rogers,
 aged 28, of the 46th Fighter
 Squadron, R.A.F. Kenley, Surrey.

The cause of the crash of
 Rogers' plane was said to be bad
 visibility and a verdict of accident-
 al death was returned.

Flight-Lieut. Calder, of the
 R.A.F., said Rogers had been in
 the R.A.F. 10 years, had held a
 pilot's certificate for four years,
 and had completed 1,000 flying
 hours.

MAN WHO ONCE HAD \$150,000

Made Bankrupt While In U.S.

ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO DEFAUD

A man who was said to have
 worth £150,000 in 1920 was com-
 mitted for trial by Ald. Sir Man-
 rice Jenks at the Mansion House
 last month.

He was Mark, Crombie Stead-
 man, 59, a merchant, giving a
 Clapham hotel as his address. The
 charge against him was:

Having, within six months of
 his presentation of a bankruptcy
 petition against him, quitted the
 country, taking with him a por-
 tion of his assets with intent to
 defraud his creditors.

Prosecuting for the Board of
 Trade, Mr. W. S. Bourne said that
 Steadman was in New York when
 he was adjudicated bankrupt last
 January. He returned to Eng-
 land and surrendered to the Bank-
 ruptcy Court on March 4.

The prosecution alleged that
 Steadman knew there was one
 judgment against him for a sum
 of £476 due to Barclays Bank
 (France) Ltd., and another one
 for £533.

Letter Of Credit

In October, 1935, he booked his
 passage to America; on November
 6, he received a cheque for \$851
 — the proceeds of the sale of
 shares. This cheque, with an-
 other for \$150, he paid into the
 Westminster Bank. He obtained a
 letter of credit from the bank, and
 took it with him to New York.

When he returned he had \$6.
 He landed £2 to the Official Re-
 ceiver, and his assets had realised
 £53. This bankruptcy showed a
 deficiency of \$534, and this pro-
 secution was order by the Court.

Mr. Bourne said that at his pub-
 lic examination, when Steadman
 was questioned about the letter of
 credit, his reply was: "I left with
 every penny I could lay my hands
 on."

Mr. F. H. Lawton, defending,
 said there was no evidence of in-
 tent to defraud his creditors by
 Steadman, who went to America
 on an ordinary business trip in
 ignorance of the bankruptcy pro-
 ceedings.

Steadman, who had claimed to
 be tried by a jury, was allowed
 bail in one surety of £50.

SIR SAMUEL HOARE SPEAKS OUT

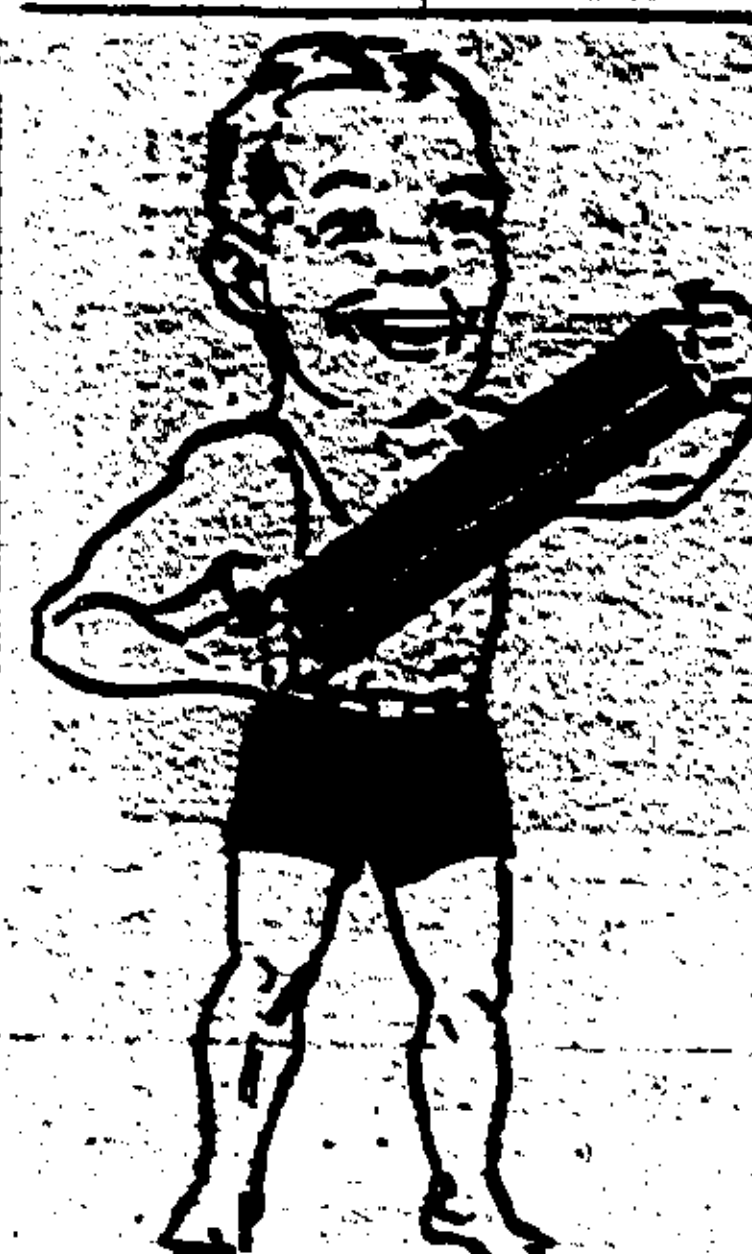
Government Attitude On Special Areas

Sir Samuel Hoare, First Lord
 of the Admiralty, speaking to
 the Abbey Division of West-
 minister Constitutional Associa-
 tion last month said that be-
 cause the Government were re-
 alists they did not want to em-
 bark on any special areas policy
 which they did not believe
 would achieve the results they
 all desired.

They had to conduct the coun-
 try's affairs so that business
 would improve, the demand for
 labour increase, and, gradually,
 the stagnant pools of labour in
 these unfortunate districts would
 be emptied by the normal demand
 for more labour in other districts.

51 WEBS 78

Mr. George Reed, 81, of Rose-
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 Ellen Turner, 78, of Rotherham-
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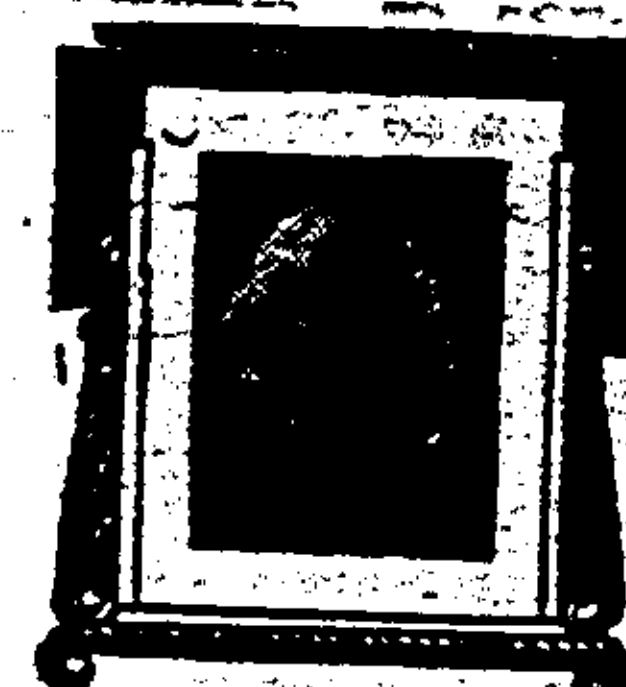
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